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MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Kit Whitehill (remote)
Gilberto Salinas (remote)
Charla Brotherton (remote)
Julio Gonzalez (remote)
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. My name is Mike
3 Rodriguez, and I'm pleased to open the meeting of the
4 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

5 It is 9:01 a.m., and I am now calling the Board
6 meeting for March 2, 2022 to order. I want to note for
7 the record that the public notice of this meeting,
8 containing all items on the agenda, was filed with the
9 Office of Secretary of State on February 22, 2022.

10 Before we begin today's meeting, please place
11 all cell phones and any other electronic devices you may
12 have in the silent mode.

13 If you wish to address the Authority at today's
14 meeting, please complete a speaker's card. I believe that
15 they are on the table outside of this meeting room. If
16 you wish to speak during today's meeting to comment on a
17 specific item, please fill out a yellow card and identify
18 the agenda item on which you wish to speak. If it is not
19 an agenda item, we will take your comments during the
20 public comment portion of the meeting. When addressing
21 the board, please state your name and affiliation for the
22 record.

23 Before we begin today, I'd like to remind all
24 presenters and those in attendance of the rules of conduct
25 at our board meetings. The board chair is given authority

1 to supervise the conduct of meetings. This includes the
2 authority to determine when a speaker is being disruptive
3 of the meeting or is otherwise violating the timing or
4 presentation rules I just discussed.

5 Disruptive speakers will be given a warning
6 about disruptive behavior, then removed from the meeting
7 for any continued disruption.

8 I want to note for the record that this meeting
9 is being held in accordance with Government Code Section
10 551.127(c). This morning, I, Michael Rodriguez, the
11 presiding officer, am in person at the posted board
12 meeting site at the Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle
13 Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas, which is open to the
14 public. And the remaining board members are joining us
15 via videoconference call or Webex from their respective
16 locations or counties.

17 And now I'd like to have a roll call of the
18 board members. Members, when I call your name, please
19 respond that you are present.

20 Member Brotherton? Member Brotherton?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

23 MR. SALINAS: Present.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

25 MS. JONES: Present.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

2 MR. GONZALEZ: Present.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

4 MS. WHITEHILL: Present.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And let the record reflect that
6 I, Mike Rodriguez, am here too. We have a quorum.

7 Let the record reflect that Member Brotherton
8 is absent today.

9 We'll go to the Pledge of Allegiance, U.S. and
10 Texas flags.

11 (The Pledge of Allegiance for U.S. and Texas
12 Flags were recited.)

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, we will now move on to
14 agenda item number 1(c), Approval of the August 3, 2021
15 meeting transcript as minutes. Members, are there any
16 edits to the transcript? If not, do I have a motion to
17 approve the transcript as minutes?

18 MR. SALINAS: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion. I
19 move that the MVCPA Board adopt the transcript as minutes
20 from the August 3, 2021 meeting.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
22 Salinas. Is there a second?

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I second that
24 motion.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, a motion has been made

1 and seconded to approve the August 3, 2021 meeting
2 transcript as minutes. Members, when I call your name,
3 signify your approval by saying I support the motion or I
4 don't support the motion.

5 Member Salinas?

6 MR. SALINAS: I support the motion.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

8 MS. JONES: I support the motion.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

10 MR. GONZALEZ: I support the motion.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

12 MS. WHITEHILL: I support the motion.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I
14 support the motion. The motion carries, the transcript is
15 approved as minutes.

16 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe Ms.
17 Brotherton has joined us. Can we go back and reflect the
18 roll.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, Member
20 Brotherton.

21 MS. BROTHERTON: Good morning. Apologize. My
22 computer was not wanting to be with y'all today.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that
24 Member Brotherton just joined us today.

25 Agenda item 1(d), Comments from the chairman.

1 First and foremost I want to welcome, give a
2 warm welcome to Member Brotherton. She just joined us.
3 Actually, we were able to fast track her joining us for
4 this meeting today, and I want to thank her, and we're
5 very glad that the Governor's Office was able to do this
6 for us so that she can join us today.

7 So Member Brotherton, would you like to say a
8 few words to us?

9 MS. BROTHERTON: Well, I appreciate the
10 opportunity to get to serve. I've already learned so many
11 things that I had no idea that went on, so I can't wait to
12 see what this opportunity brings and how I can help the
13 board and how we can make Texas a better place to live.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you and welcome.

15 I would like to address the grantees and the
16 board members on the news from the issues that we're
17 having with the paper tag situation, and again, I've got
18 some comments here that I would like to read to everyone
19 in light of the recent news concerning Texas paper
20 temporary tags.

21 I would like to commend, first, the Montgomery
22 County Sheriff's Office, Lt. John Sanchez and Sgt. Kelly
23 Smith, for their collaboration in joint operation with the
24 Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of
25 Motor Vehicles to help stop criminal activity related to

1 fraudulent temporary tags. I would also like to commend
2 Dallas Police Department, Lt. Julio Gonzalez and Sgt.
3 Kelly Smith for their efforts in a joint operation with
4 Homeland Security and Texas DMV to stop the use of
5 fraudulent temporary tags. Furthermore, I would like to
6 commend Lt. Ruben Inez and my staff for their undercover
7 operations to combat the fraudulent production and illegal
8 use of temporary tags in Texas.

9 It is evident from MVCPA progress reports and
10 Texas Department of Public Safety Border Operations Sector
11 assessments that there are numerous efforts occurring to
12 address the use of fraudulent use of temporary tags in
13 Texas.

14 Continued efforts and collaboration between
15 MVCPA task forces and other local, state and federal law
16 enforcement agencies will ensure that criminals have
17 nowhere to hide and that resources are available to all
18 law enforcement to curtail this criminal activity.

19 Recent communication with Texas DMV Chairman
20 Charles Bacarisse have provided hope that increased
21 communication and cooperation between the Texas DMV and
22 MVCPA will result in positive outcomes that will benefit
23 all Texas law enforcement agencies and the citizens of
24 Texas.

25 As we all know, this is a current situation

1 that we're in and I know that when I get the phone calls
2 from different commanders throughout the state, most of it
3 is either catalytic converters or the temporary tag issue,
4 and it's affecting everyone, every single jurisdiction
5 that we cover.

6 So we're going to talk a little bit more about
7 what we're trying to do here at MVCPA to have a better
8 communication with DMV and have some more input as to what
9 is needed to stop this from happening. Not only that, but
10 the fact that they're utilizing this tool to further their
11 criminal activity not only with illegal aliens, weapons,
12 cash and in relation to other violent crimes across the
13 state, it is very important for us to address this issue.

14 So we'll talk more about that and we'll see how
15 we can further this conversation with our commanders at a
16 later date.

17 Members, would any of you like to make any
18 comments?

19 MR. GONZALEZ: This is Member Gonzalez.

20 Are we talking about the paper tag issue now or
21 is that going to be a conversation for later.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's comments right now. We
23 are going to talk about it in a little while in an agenda
24 item that we have for that, but you can make any comments
25 in relation to that.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: Sure. So Mr. Chair, I want to
2 say with my personal experience with combating the paper
3 tag issue, I can say that the system for communication is
4 certainly an area of improvement between law enforcement
5 and between the Texas DMV.

6 You know, these VTR forms, when my detectives
7 are requesting information to assist in their
8 investigations, you know, these VTR forms are taking
9 months to be returned, and to be honest, they're only
10 getting returned when I intervene and start hollering.
11 And so I think that there's plenty of room for
12 improvement.

13 We need to be able to communicate far more
14 efficiently with the DMV. It's important that they
15 recognize that we are partners in this, we're all on the
16 same team, but the filing of Open Records for law
17 enforcement purposes to my knowledge is kind of unheard
18 of, and part of me wonders if the subpoena process would
19 be faster than the current VTR system that is in place.

20 And so it is my hope that this body recognizes
21 that there is a problem with the communication with the
22 DMV and we look for steps that we can do to improve it.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Member Gonzalez.

24 Any of the other members would like to comment
25 on this?

1 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. Sharon Jones.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones, good morning.

3 MS. JONES: Good morning. I see your smiles,
4 and you, David.

5 Texas DPS, we've had several meetings with
6 Texas DMV, we've discussed concerns, we've offered
7 suggestions for betterment in our discussions. We've
8 actually met with their executive leadership so they've
9 heard our concerns that were voiced, and in our last
10 executive leadership meeting, Bryan Wilson also attended
11 on behalf of state and local.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I know this is just a
13 conversation and board member comments, but I think that
14 we're in the right track as far as where we want to be.
15 There are several gaps that I've seen that we can surely
16 close and I think that certainly with the conversation
17 that I've heard that you've had with Texas DMV and
18 Director Wilson has had, I think that we're right there,
19 we're in the right track, and I think it's going to get
20 better, I know it's going to get better.

21 MS. JONES: Yes, sir, it has to get better.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any other member?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Member Jones.

25 All right. Then we'll go to agenda item 1(f),

1 Commendations and congratulations.

2 The first honors will be Tommy Hansen, my
3 friend.

4 So Tommy, you were appointed by the governor
5 back in May 9, 2016 as a board member for law enforcement
6 representative, and then October 31, 2018 you were
7 appointed by the governor as presiding officer for MVCPA.

8 Before that, Tommy Hansen was instrumental in the
9 creation and leadership of the MVCPA.

10 Tommy is a deputy sheriff and lieutenant in the
11 criminal investigation division of the Galveston County
12 Sheriff's Office and has been assigned to assist the FBI's
13 Safe Street Task Force, with a focus on cold case
14 homicides and fugitives.

15 Additionally, he served as a project director
16 of the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force since 1993.

17 He's a member and past president of the International
18 Association of Auto Theft Investigators and the Texas
19 Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, member and
20 current vice president of Beat the Heat, and International
21 Youth Outreach Program with a focus on illegal street
22 racing prevention.

23 He's also a member of the Texas Association of
24 Private Investigators, coordinator for the Galveston
25 County Citizen Sheriff's Academy and a volunteer for the

1 Children's Advocacy Center of Galveston County and Ronald
2 McDonald House of Galveston.

3 Tommy loves working cold case seeking justice
4 for those who cannot. He also loves racing and is a
5 friend of the MVCPA.

6 Tommy, first and foremost, I want to make sure
7 that everybody here knows that MVCPA, before that it was,
8 ABTPA, and before that what was it called?

9 MR. HANSEN: ATPA.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: ATPA. And you were there for
11 all those transitions and you were there to do all this,
12 so I want to hear how this started and how you started
13 having a passion for this.

14 MR. HANSEN: Well, first off, I've been told
15 that I've been in law enforcement so long that when I
16 started the Dead Sea was only sick. I hear that on a
17 regular basis.

18 (General laughter.)

19 But I've been involved for 49 years, but most
20 of my career has been dedicated to vehicle theft, and what
21 was happening, and it began back in the '70s and '80s,
22 Texas, for lack of a better term, we were getting our
23 handed to us, thefts were increasing double digits every
24 single year to a record high in 1991 of over 164,000
25 thefts.

1 In 1988 the IATI, International Auto Theft
2 conference was actually held in Galveston and there was a
3 lot of conversation concerning a program that was going on
4 in Michigan that had just started to address their problem
5 up there, because it was a nationwide thing, just like
6 catalytic converters are and the paper tags are now, it's
7 a nationwide thing, and so we got interested in that.

8 And fortunately, the very next year IATI was in
9 Minneapolis-St. Paul and Val Vitols, who was the executive
10 director of the auto theft authority in Michigan, was the
11 guest speaker. And as a result of what he laid on the
12 table, you know, everybody went bam, a light went off, we
13 need to do this.

14 So we immediately came back and sat down with
15 our TAVTI conference, which was still being held at DPS at
16 the time, and we did some modifications of the bill
17 processes because we've got 900 miles of Mexican border
18 that they don't have to deal with and a few other things,
19 the Gulf Coast which is shipping that they don't have to
20 deal with, but the concept was there.

21 So we got with several legislators from around
22 the state. In 1991 the bill passed unanimously, I believe
23 in the House there was actually no nays at all, and so it
24 passed, and it was a dollar a year assessment, we started
25 with \$1 at that point in time per insurance policy. But

1 we had dedicated fund status and dedicated account, 100
2 percent of that dollar came to us, even the interest came
3 to us.

4 Unfortunately, in 1997 we were so busy trying
5 to recover stolen cars that we weren't paying attention to
6 what was going on and there was a group going after a lot
7 of dedicated fund accounts and we lost that, and of
8 course, it's been the battle ever since.

9 And then around 2012, or whatever it was,
10 another bill was passed to increase it to \$2 with us to
11 get a dollar, state get a dollar. Well, as everyone
12 knows, we never got the dollar. And then of course, it
13 went to \$4 and we were supposed to get 20 percent and
14 everyone knows we haven't really gotten all of that as of
15 now, but I have faith.

16 So that's a little historical data.

17 But the reputation, I can tell you personally
18 the reputation of what the Texas Authority has done and
19 the people in this room is worldwide, because I've done
20 presentations in Australia; Antwerp, Belgium; several
21 Canadian provinces which we actually went up and spent
22 time helping them set up similar programs because ours was
23 such a big success overwhelmingly, and that's thanks to
24 the guys and gals on the streets.

25 So that's just kind of a little CliffsNotes

1 version of the history of this program, and it's been a
2 part of my life for 33 years.

3 And my mother tells me this story, this is how
4 I got into this. Okay? I had a Schwinn Bicycle; it was
5 called a Schwinn Corvette, that was the model name of it/
6 And it got stolen, and it was found not too far from our
7 house stripped, and I was just a kid and I don't think I
8 ever got over that, and they put it back together and it
9 got stolen again. So that's what turned me on to this
10 group here, I never got over that, and my mother reminds
11 me of that all the time.

12 Anyway, that's a little bit of CliffsNotes
13 history. I know we have a lot of new board members, new
14 commanders, task force members, and to know where you need
15 to go you kind of need to know where you've been, and
16 that's a little bit of our history. And of course, we got
17 down to -- what was the lowest number, 60-something
18 thousand thefts a year? So 100,000 less cars per year
19 than we were in 1991.

20 Oh, and one little back history. The bill
21 passed in '91, but since we had our own funding source,
22 all of that had to be set up, so there were some delays in
23 getting the task forces online, but we didn't want to wait
24 any longer to at least start generating some numbers, so
25 in '93 we had like five or six task forces started that

1 were only funded for six months just to get the ball
2 rolling, and then we went to the first fill cycle the next
3 year, and then that's when we started taking on a lot more
4 programs throughout the state.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We thank you for your service,
6 Tommy.

7 MR. HANSEN: A little CliffsNotes version.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your service to
9 the Great State of Texas, and we have something to give
10 you.

11 MR. HANSEN: Thank you.

12 (Pause for presentation; applause.)

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Now moving on to honor the
14 Honorable Mayor Armin Mizani.

15 Mayor Mizani was instrumental in several things
16 that we did here. When I first started as a board member
17 for MVCPA, I know that he was here and he was always the
18 one that was asking questions, and we loved that about him
19 because he was always very meticulous into reading even
20 the minutes.

21 He would read the minutes and would question
22 the minutes, so we loved that about him and he was always,
23 you know, very, very in touch as to what we were doing.
24 He was always trying to figure out ways to how we can
25 improve MVCPA and make it better for the grantees.

1 He was appointed May 9, 2016. Member Mizani is
2 the managing attorney for the Mizani Law Firm located in
3 Dallas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Tarrant
4 County Bar Association, and the Texas Young Lawyers
5 Association. Additionally, he is the mayor of the City of
6 Keller.

7 Mizani received a bachelor of arts from Purdue
8 University and a juris doctorate from Michigan State
9 University College of Law. He was very active on the
10 MVCPA Board, he worked to improve the name recognition of
11 the MVCPA, and to honor their investigators that serve the
12 auto theft task forces. He's a dedicated servant to his
13 clients, his community and to the people of Texas.

14 Member Mizani -- are we going to ship his
15 award? -- we're going to ship it to you. And I just want
16 to thank you for everything you did for us, and also, I
17 know that you're having fun being the mayor of Keller, so
18 awesome, keep up the good work, and I'm going to pass the
19 mic to you to address the grantees here and the new
20 members that we have here now.

21 MAYOR MIZANI: Well, good morning, Mr.
22 Chairman, and I'll be real quick, and for the other board
23 members as well, just want to thank you guys for the
24 recognition. Thank you for the work that you all do on
25 behalf of the entire State of Texas. It was an absolute

1 privilege for me to serve in that capacity. It was a
2 learning experience as well to be able to work and see the
3 amazing work that all of our law enforcement personnel do
4 on a daily basis, and so just want to really appreciate
5 what you all do.

6 If there's ever anything I can do in the future
7 to assist the board, please let me know, and again, just
8 thank you for having me this morning.

9 And my apologies that I was unable to make it
10 this morning. We had a city council meeting last night
11 and we've got a couple of meetings in the afternoon,
12 otherwise, I would have been there.

13 And I also just want to say again what a
14 privilege it was to also serve with you, Mr. Chair, but
15 also with Tommy, I served with Tommy for several years,
16 and the commitment and passion that you both have for what
17 you do I think makes all the difference and makes
18 everybody's jobs easier.

19 And for David and Bryan and staff, same thing
20 for you all. A lot of the work that's being done couldn't
21 be done without the work you all do behind the scenes and
22 we know that takes a lot of effort.

23 So just thank you all for everything, and
24 anything I can do, just let me know.

25 (Applause.)

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We'll be sure to visit you at
2 the City of Keller just to say I know the mayor there.

3 MAYOR MIZANI: Please do. Thank you, Mr.
4 Chair.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Now moving on to our retirees,
6 there's a lot of retirees, wow.

7 MR. WILSON: Some of them are transfers, Mr.
8 Chairman, but if you'd like me to just go over the list
9 real quick, I'd be glad to do so.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Can you do that, please?

11 MR. WILSON: Yes. So we have a lot of officers
12 come into our program, they dedicate their lives and their
13 service to helping their communities avoid the loss and
14 sometimes the violent crime associated with motor vehicle
15 theft, and so sometimes people promote and sometimes they
16 retire, so I'll just quickly go through some of those.

17 But nevertheless, Chairman, as I told you
18 yesterday and in the past, that it's really important that
19 we recognize them on the record so it becomes a part of
20 the state archives and their service is honored. It's a
21 way that we honor them in their service to their community
22 and to the State of Texas.

23 So first we have Lt. Kendrick Stringfellow
24 that's recently transferred within the Houston Police
25 Department. We just really appreciate, he's been an

1 officer for 16 years with the HPD. He served as the Auto
2 Crimes Task Force lieutenant for a little over a year and
3 we just are really grateful for his time with that
4 department.

5 We have a huge loss in Bryan Sudan, who's not
6 here today, from Tarrant County. He was our training
7 coordinator for years, just took that responsibility in
8 addition to his task force role, 34 years to the Fort
9 Worth Police Department and then eight years as task force
10 commander with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office.

11 We're really grateful for his time and
12 dedication to that whole region -- excuse me, Lieutenant,
13 if I say something that's offensive, you might want to
14 close your ears -- that wonderful city west of Dallas.
15 How about that.

16 And Arthur Knox of San Antonio PD retired in
17 January of '22.

18 Brian Rosson, San Antonio PD.

19 Carlos Gonzalez has always been instrumental of
20 our training program in South Texas and we really are
21 going to miss him. San Antonio PD, 31 years with San
22 Antonio Police Department and most of those years were
23 auto theft, so he was quite a guy and I'm sure going to
24 miss him.

25 Sheila Carter-Bass, Dallas County Sheriff's

1 Office, she retired this month and 39 years in the
2 Sheriff's Office, just an amazing legacy. She was the
3 first African American to gain the rank of captain. She
4 created the first ever Sheriff's Citizens Academy, like
5 what Tommy did in Galveston. You know, that's a really
6 important way to do some policing and reach their
7 community. And then served as program director for the
8 Dallas County North Texas Auto Theft team. So we're
9 really grateful for Sheila and her service.

10 And Thomas Broadus just received a promotion in
11 another department. Is that what you call that? But he's
12 moving on. He's been really active in not only Victoria
13 PD but also serving the area around him, Hallettsville,
14 Goliad, so he's really quite a force to be reckoned with.

15 And then Brian Miller, a former lieutenant over
16 property crimes in APD.

17 So Chairman, thank you for letting me mention
18 these individuals and read their name and their legacy
19 into the record of the State of Texas.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Bryan.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, we will now move to
23 agenda item 2, Briefing and action items.

24 Mr. Wilson.

25 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 For the record, my name is Bryan Wilson. I
2 know I forgot to do that. I'm sorry about that so I'll
3 work on that. Hopefully you know who I am after all these
4 years.

5 So this next item is really just a quick
6 discussion, it's not supposed to be really lengthy. For
7 years, since Chief Garcia was chairman, we set up three
8 different committees. They are in your book on page 17.
9 What we have provided today, as you can see at the top, is
10 many vacant positions since we've had some turnover in our
11 board members.

12 And so I'm just asking for the members to have
13 some discussion along really two quick lines: with such a
14 small board, do we need to continue with three committees,
15 and if so, then we need volunteers for the committees that
16 we have; or if you think that maybe we should collapse the
17 committees a little differently, then y'all can give me
18 some direction, I can work with the chairman and come back
19 at a later date and recommend maybe a new format, one for
20 law enforcement and one for administration. So we can
21 change the format.

22 So that's really what this is is a brief
23 discussion, it's not supposed to be a lengthy or heavy
24 discussion on what needs to be provided, so any input, Mr.
25 Chairman, from you or the members would. And like I said,

1 if you want to keep the current format then we need
2 volunteers, if you want to consider making some changes in
3 how we structure our committees, then we can come back at
4 a later date.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think the current format is
6 right, but I will open it up for the board members to see
7 what do you think of keeping the same format, do you think
8 we should change the format. I know that we're definitely
9 going to get volunteers for this current format, but do
10 you think we should direct staff to look at another format
11 in creating these committees?

12 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill.

13 Is there information on how active the
14 committees have all been? I know I've been on the
15 Education and really nothing happens on that committee so
16 I didn't know about the other committees. Thank you.

17 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Member Whitehill.

18 That's correct, because you came in right after
19 we did the last PEPA grant so we didn't have any meetings
20 to kind of flesh out some of those items and we haven't
21 had a legislative session, you know, we're going into it
22 at this point.

23 I will say the Grants, Budget, and Reports
24 Committee is the most active because there's two things
25 that happen. We'll talk later about the policy on the

1 Rapid Response Strikeforce and then we also have some
2 policies in our grant administrative manual where that
3 committee of the board is delegated certain activities.
4 So either by phone call or email or meeting, the Grants,
5 Budget, and Reports Committee will tend to communicate
6 more often than the other two.

7 We've been really behind on staff and the
8 capacity to manage the insurance collections for the last
9 year, just some of the shortfalls on staff. Last session
10 we asked for three staff members just to manage the
11 collection thing, so we haven't had the capacity to work
12 with the Insurance Committee to move forward on those
13 items, and all the changes with the 5 percent budget cut
14 and spending a lot of scrambling on how to keep from
15 losing officers in the Budget Committee, we haven't had
16 the capacity.

17 But all three of these are important areas
18 within our organization, so thank you for that question.
19 But no, these other two have not met probably in at least
20 a year.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have any volunteers for
22 the Grants, Budget, and Reports committee from the board
23 members?

24 We're missing one. Correct?

25 MR. WILSON: This is Bryan Wilson, for the

1 record.

2 We're missing the chairman of that committee,
3 so we need a volunteer for chairman, if there's anybody
4 out there.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I volunteer to
6 be the chair of the Grants Committee.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have volunteers for the
8 Insurance Collections and Refunds Committee?

9 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I would
10 like to serve.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

12 And do I have a volunteer to chair the
13 Education and Legislative Committee?

14 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. Mr. Chair, I
15 volunteer to chair the Education and Legislative
16 Committee.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So I will take this back to the
18 staff and director and then we'll figure out how we
19 implement these volunteers to these committees. Can we do
20 that?

21 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sure.

23 MR. WILSON: This is Bryan Wilson, for the
24 record.

25 I think you can just go ahead and appoint these

1 three volunteers. We're missing another member and we can
2 do something once the Governor's Office appoints the new
3 member, then we'll have likelihood that it will continue
4 like this. So if you want to just go ahead and appoint
5 the three that just volunteered, then we can end this
6 matter today.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So we will appoint Member Julio
8 Gonzalez to chair the Grants, Budget, and Reports
9 Committee.

10 On the Insurance Collections can we move Member
11 Brotherton to chair that committee?

12 MR. WILSON: I think at this point, Mr.
13 Chairman, my recommendation would be just go ahead and
14 appoint her to the committee and then you and I can work
15 out later the chairman maybe once we get the new member.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So we'll appoint as a
17 committee member for the Insurance Collections and Refund
18 Committee, Member Charla Brotherton.

19 And then for the Education and Legislative
20 Committee we will add Member Salinas.

21 MR. WILSON: For the chairman.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

23 MR. WILSON: Thank you very much, members. I
24 appreciate that.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

2 Okay. We will now move to agenda item number
3 3. We're going to take things a little bit out of order
4 with our review of the Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant
5 Program and consider some policy changes.

6 Mr. Wilson.

7 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 I'm going to direct the board's attention to
9 page 19 of your board book. I'm going to ask Mr. Joe
10 Canady to provide a brief overview of where you've been so
11 far on the Rapid Response Strikeforce.

12 MR. CANADY: Good morning. Joe Canady, MVCPA.

13 For FY21 we issued seven Rapid Response
14 Strikeforce grants to grantees for various operations to
15 fund overtime, for border security overtime, for
16 surveillance, for license plate reader purchases and
17 operations, as well as interdiction, and catalytic
18 converter operations overtime. There was \$207,850 that
19 were funded for this.

20 Out of this, there were 74 vehicles
21 recovered -- this is combined totals of all the
22 operations -- 37 arrests, and you can read on of the
23 other important successes of the program. This table
24 indicates an overall success of the program with a 4.6 to
25 1 return on investment for the period of the operations.

1 Not all individual grants were successful,
2 however, though, due to unforeseen events beyond their
3 control. Some of it was related to COVID. COVID caused
4 shortages of equipment and delayed shipping times, so some
5 of the programs for the license plate readers, they did
6 not get their license plate readers until the end of the
7 grant, so they would have had a much greater time period
8 to perform operations if they had received that early on
9 whenever the equipment was ordered after the grant was
10 approved. In one case it was surveillance operations that
11 were planned where a generator was needed for a Skycam and
12 there was no generator available in the U.S. that would
13 have arrived here before the end of the grant.

14 We also learned from some of them that maybe
15 the scope was a little too broad, might be better to
16 concentrate on one or two operations to do within the
17 program. But overall this was very successful and the
18 grantees did a great job in this.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. WILSON: Are there any questions from the
21 members about where we are today? We spent basically
22 \$207,000 and in about four months we netted back to the
23 citizens of Texas, using the DPS Crime in Texas average
24 vehicle recovery rate, over \$950,000 worth of vehicles,
25 and that's just in four months. Those license plate

1 readers and that technology that we purchased is going to
2 continue providing dividends for at least three years, the
3 average use of a license plate reader and the technology
4 that's out there today. So it's a pretty good immediate
5 ROI, and that was what the Rapid Response Strikeforce was
6 set up.

7 Are there any questions for Joe about where we
8 are today with the Rapid Response Strikeforce?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. WILSON: All right. With your
11 permission -- this is Bryan Wilson, for the record -- I'll
12 go ahead and move on to the presentation of issues for
13 3(b) and (c), Mr. Chairman. I'll direct you to page 20.

14 So on (b) and (c), operating for the last about
15 year and a half for these Rapid Response Strikeforces, I
16 want to remind the members that this was highly limited to
17 two types of expenses to react to outbreaks, immediate and
18 exigent circumstances of crime increases within
19 communities. And so it's not a general grant program,
20 it's directed only to the task forces that we have
21 currently funded and it's a way when they have a spike in
22 crime that they can respond with our assistance.

23 And so give that context, we set two things as
24 the allowable cost for this program. Number one is the
25 allowable cost was overtime of our officers to be able to

1 spend more time out on the street and be available to
2 their community. Then the second thing was equipment that
3 would be able to respond to these needs. And the number
4 one piece of equipment in our world is the automated
5 license plate reader, or ALPR. They can be both
6 stationary and mobile on the vehicles. And so a lot of
7 those recoveries, the 74 vehicles we recovered were direct
8 responses to that ALPR system.

9 So what it showed, though, is that there's
10 still some opportunities that we're not paying attention
11 to, especially that's been driven home recently with some
12 of the paper tag issues. The ALPRs cannot read paper
13 tags, they cannot distinguish them, but we do have a
14 technology out there that can read the paper tags and they
15 can also do a much faster and more coordinated job -- they
16 have technology to see the vehicle and recognize the
17 vehicle and characteristics of the vehicle much, much
18 faster, and that's called the Flock system. And
19 unfortunately, that doesn't qualify for our grant because
20 the Flock system is a leased system, it's a proprietary
21 software and camera system that is not available for
22 purchase, so therefore, our equipment authorization is not
23 sufficient.

24 And that would be able to see the paper tag.
25 Matter of fact, there's a case -- I hope I'm not divulging

1 anything, I won't say what area -- but there was a
2 replicated paper tag that was seen on two ECM thefts,
3 electronic controlled module thefts in an urban area.
4 Because of the Flock they recognized the plate and they
5 were able to quickly start looking for that plate, that
6 paper plate, that illegally created and purchased
7 fraudulent paper plate in the technology called Flock.

8 And so that's where we are today and I'm asking
9 you to consider changing the policy to allow for the lease
10 of the technology instead of just purchasing like we do
11 with Vigilant or ELSAG or some of those companies, to
12 expand it to leases. The condition I'm asking the board
13 to consider today in the policy change is that we will
14 allow the lease as long as the governing jurisdiction
15 agrees, at least in writing, to extend the lease at least
16 one year beyond the funded period.

17 Now, I'm saying that cautiously members so I
18 want you to understand that under the state constitution
19 in Texas law, no current city council, no chief of police,
20 no sheriff or commissioners court can obligate somebody
21 off into the future. In other words, you can't obligate a
22 city into the future, you can't obligate a county
23 expenditure budget processes into the future. You can
24 make agreements. But I want the members to be wide open
25 and eyes open about what we're asking. The PD or sheriff

1 that asks for Flock will have to agree that they plan on
2 extending it at least one year, but that can't violate
3 state law and obligate future commissioners courts or city
4 councils with that obligation.

5 So I just want you to understand what I'm
6 asking in this policy, that we cannot go back and make
7 them give money back if they didn't do the second year
8 under our process, unless legal counsel has other ways to
9 do it. But I'm trying to just say that we're acting in
10 good faith and we expect our police and sheriff's offices
11 to do the same.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Director Wilson.

13 MR. WILSON: Yes, sir.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do we know what the structure
15 is for a Flock system actually in the lease agreement? Is
16 it for one year, two years?

17 MR. WILSON: Usually it's year to year because
18 our Texas law can only allow one year leases at a time
19 with potential for renewal. So that's going to be the
20 expectation that we understand. We'll have a presentation
21 in a minute from a chief that's asking -- if the board
22 agrees to this policy, then we'll have a presentation in a
23 minute for that technology and maybe you could ask
24 specific questions on that. But I'm just trying to talk
25 generally about what our policy is in this case.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Because I think that one
2 of the things that the members would also like to know is
3 what kind of lease agreement are we looking at, and not
4 only that but where all that information, that data is
5 going to, is it something that can be shareable with other
6 jurisdictions and things like that.

7 MR. WILSON: It actually is, Chief. Matter of
8 fact, when Chief Bruegger gets up here in a minute he'll
9 be able to give some context to how Flock works that we
10 could divulge.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

12 MR. WILSON: I will say that the Flock system,
13 what we've seen in urban areas, when we have them
14 consistently -- when the jurisdictions and the homeowners
15 associations, strangely enough, and organizations,
16 businesses have been putting in their own, they are
17 usually networked into real-time crime centers and have
18 capacity to be used broader than just a single LPR. I was
19 talking to Rene down in Eagle Pass the other day and
20 they've found, you know, like there's limitations to the
21 way the LPRs because they are single units but they're
22 feeding into other systems and learning about how they
23 interact with TCIC. You know, one of the disadvantages
24 and advantages of having proprietary software and camera
25 system that a lot the technology and the information sits

1 on business servers to serve the public need.

2 MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones, for the record.

5 Before I vote, I would like to have a system
6 demonstration pertaining to Flock so I know how it works,
7 if I have any questions because this is something that's
8 going to affect the entire state.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I agree, and I think that we do
10 have a presentation from Pasadena and I think we would
11 want to hear it before we even vote on this policy change.

12 MS. JONES: Bryan, is it a presentation, like a
13 demo presentation, are we going to be able to actually see
14 how it works, the ins and outs of how it works?

15 MR. WILSON: No. We don't have the technology
16 here today to show you specifically how it works. It's
17 been being used in most of the urban areas now for, I want
18 to say, at least three years that local law enforcement --
19 I know Matt Peterson is here, he might be able to speak to
20 generally how it's working in the Metroplex, I'm not sure
21 how much Houston is using it but we have Dana Hitzman here
22 today, so I don't know if they want to try to speak to
23 this. But no, we don't have a demonstration today.

24 What we're kind of leveraging is what
25 jurisdictions are already using across most of the urban

1 areas and just opening our Rapid Response Strikeforce to
2 allow our task forces -- again, not to the whole state but
3 just to our task forces that are already aware of this
4 technology, they're either using it or they have neighbors
5 and they're responding to high increases in crime and
6 that's what they're trying to respond. Instead of buying
7 an LPR, which they may or may not need, they're trying to
8 rely on the technology that many jurisdictions have been
9 using for several years.

10 MS. JONES: Sure.

11 MR. WILSON: Joe and I -- if you'll let me
12 continue, Mr. Chairman.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Continue.

14 MR. WILSON: Joe and I went to Pasadena a few
15 weeks ago and so in the technology, we went back to the
16 auto theft unit and they could call up on the screen for
17 the Flock system and they could show us across that area
18 the different cities and also, again, homeowners
19 associations that have agreed to tie into law enforcement
20 databases through the Flock system. I want to be clear,
21 they're not going through DPS, they're not going through
22 some criminal justice network, what they're doing is using
23 the Flock system -- which I know when I went to the Texas
24 Chiefs of Police Association at least four years ago, this
25 system was already present in many communities. But they

1 buy those and then they feed it into the Flock software
2 and then police departments can see where the hits are and
3 they can see in real time.

4 But I think maybe it might be helpful, Mr.
5 Chairman, since Pasadena is here, and I know I asked to
6 take this out of order because I really wanted the board
7 to think about the policy before we talked about the
8 grantee, but they might have some information or some of
9 our members might have information directly about the
10 Flock system and its usefulness if you'd like to hear some
11 public comment.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I think my question is on
13 the lease agreement versus purchasing. It's pretty much
14 doing the same as an LPR, the only thing is that, yeah,
15 the LPR is only going to pick up those metal plates. But
16 at the end of the day the question for me is on a lease
17 agreement versus a purchase, and I would like to know also
18 as far as the data sharing, who's keeping that data, is it
19 the company that's keeping that data, is that data given
20 to the jurisdiction that is leasing that equipment. So
21 those are the questions that I have as opposed to the
22 technology part of it because the technology, at the end
23 of the day, it's always evolving and it's always getting
24 better.

25 So I think, yes, I would want to hear Pasadena

1 and maybe he can answer some questions from Member Jones
2 and the members that are here today.

3 So Josh.

4 MR. BRUEGGER: Good morning. My name is Josh
5 Bruegger. I'm the police chief in Pasadena.

6 A little bit about Flock. It is a lease,
7 that's the only way they do it. It's a proprietary
8 system, it's \$2,500 a camera, the information is stored in
9 the Cloud, and then anything goes wrong with the camera or
10 anything like that, it's covered, and it's a year to year
11 lease. Should we be awarded the grant, we would install
12 the cameras that we're asking for now, and we're, like
13 many entities, in the budget process for next years and
14 we've already -- like I said, obviously at the end of the
15 day it's up to the city council but we intend to move
16 forward with financing to cover the lease cost for the
17 next year, and as well as expand the program so we can
18 cover all our ingress and egress routes.

19 One of the benefits of Flock is it will read
20 paper plates but you also can search for if there's a
21 bumper sticker or something unique about a vehicle you can
22 search the system for that. And so just this morning, as
23 I'm sitting here, our auto theft unit put out a catalytic
24 converter theft that we had yesterday where there's a
25 vehicle description, it's got some unique characteristics.

1 We can enter that in the system and then get an alert
2 when they go to commit the next crime. And so that is
3 really one of the huge benefits of this system.

4 And like other entities, since 2019 our auto
5 thefts are up by 33 percent, our recoveries are down by
6 about 37 percent, and really using technology is a force
7 multiplier, because like other law enforcement entities
8 we're clearly hurting for people and recruitment and
9 retention, and so really trying to leverage technology.
10 And so I think Flock, as far as an LPR system, is really
11 the best system that's out there right now and trying to
12 get this launched.

13 You know, we sit in Harris County which is one
14 of the most populous counties, or the most populous county
15 in the state, and all the other entities -- and we have a
16 lot of the southeast Harris County, a lot of other
17 entities would benefit from this program as well.

18 And so I'd be happy to answer anything that I
19 can, and like I said, I would encourage any of the
20 members, clearly I want to move forward sooner than later,
21 but I also understand some of the reservations that you
22 all have with a lease program, but I would encourage you
23 to see what Flock has to offer. So I'm more than happy to
24 answer anything anybody has.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, Chief.

1 One of the questions that I have is maybe on
2 the data that it's picking up. Would that just be going
3 towards your agency or the neighboring jurisdiction can be
4 able to log in and see and have a use for that Flock
5 system in a specific area? And what I'm thinking about
6 is, I mean, are you going to use it in an area where in
7 your city there's a hotspot for auto theft and auto
8 burglaries, or are we looking at a major intersection
9 where the majority of cars from your neighboring
10 jurisdictions are coming in?

11 Because I had a brief conversation I think it
12 was with one of your sergeants last night and he was
13 talking about some of your vehicles ending up in the
14 Zapata County area, and to us it's a concern -- and I can
15 assure you that Member Jones with DPS can assure that that
16 area is hot right now for cartel activity and illegal
17 immigration movement. So it is a concern to us that
18 vehicles are going that way but the way I'm trying to
19 think here, are we going to put that Flock system in a
20 specific hotspot in your city, or are we going to put that
21 system in a location where you identify that vehicles are
22 going through that are being stolen, not only from
23 Pasadena but from other areas around you.

24 MR. BRUEGGER: So we would put it in our
25 jurisdiction, since we're funding it, it would go in our

1 jurisdiction, but other agencies would have access to the
2 information that's in that system. Currently we already
3 have access to, as was mentioned before, homeowner groups
4 have it, businesses can purchase the system, so we already
5 have access to it.

6 I can tell you a quick story. We actually
7 solved a homicide in a neighborhood with an HOA that has
8 it, and it was the key piece of evidence that solved that
9 case. It's very beneficial, again, not just because law
10 enforcement but because of all these other entities that
11 have it as well that we're all tying together and other
12 law enforcement agencies would get it, so it would be a
13 force multiplier there as well.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: This is Member Gonzalez, if I
15 can chime in on this one.

16 So the City of Dallas just purchased -- or just
17 entered into a five-year agreement with Flock Safety to
18 have 80 LPRs installed throughout the city. Everything
19 that I've heard about this system and that I've seen
20 actually used out in the field appears to be nothing short
21 of amazing. Some of our sister cities here in the
22 Metroplex already have Flock, and my understanding, Fort
23 Worth even had to create its own unit to respond to all
24 the hits that the LPRs are getting.

25 But I think the most valuable function in this,

1 you know, our officers in the squad cars are able to
2 access the web-based system in their cars, so if they're
3 around the corner and they have a Flock LPR hit, they can
4 quickly respond to that.

5 Chief, on your grant, what I would say, it's my
6 suggestion, is that, you know, Flock can be this public-
7 private partnership similar to Ring, and so I would ask as
8 a board member that you incorporate your community
9 policing efforts -- when you're having these community
10 meetings with your constituents to let them know that,
11 hey, look, \$2,500 and your homeowners association can put
12 up one of these LPRs in their neighborhood.

13 I know that me personally, I live in the City
14 of Dallas and I've already had those discussions with my
15 homeowners association governance boards and whatnot
16 because I do think that they're valuable. Especially for
17 auto theft interdiction, it's going to pay dividends in
18 the long run.

19 Chief, I think you were talking about the data
20 that is stored. One thing that's important to know about
21 Flock is that it only takes a rear photo of the vehicle,
22 and so for the privacy concerns -- because folks do have
23 privacy concerns and whatnot -- it's not taking a photo of
24 the front end of the vehicle which is going to have -- you
25 know, be able to recognize some facial features, so it's

1 going to be on the rear side of the vehicle, and I mean,
2 there's no expectation of privacy for a license plate out
3 in public.

4 So Flock fully has my support. I think that
5 this body would be providing a great service by allowing
6 accessibility through the Rapid Response Strikeforce
7 Grant. Like I said, Chief, I just would encourage you to
8 incorporate your community policing with your Flock
9 endeavor.

10 MR. BRUEGGER: I appreciate the feedback.

11 MS. JONES: Chief, Sharon Jones, for the
12 record.

13 I have a lot of questions, one of which
14 pertains to the sharing agreement. You said it belongs
15 basically to the City of Pasadena and other agencies will
16 be able to utilize it, so will there be sharing
17 agreements? Like who decides who has access? Is there a
18 vetting process? Will there be policy usage, is it real-
19 time information that will be retrieved? Who gets the
20 information? How does it get back to law enforcement from
21 others?

22 MR. BRUEGGER: So there are sharing agreements
23 and the information is real-time, and that's one of the
24 great things about the system is, you know, our vision is
25 to the ingress and egress routes throughout the city. And

1 so as was mentioned just a minute ago, one of the things
2 that you can do with it is set alerts, and so units that
3 work a certain district, if the cameras in that area gets
4 an alert, instead of the entire city getting the alert,
5 the units in that area get the alert and so that obviously
6 is beneficial.

7 I understand information sharing is a big part
8 of it, and yes, there are agreements. And like I said,
9 Flock has the information, they're the ones that store the
10 information, so the agreement is with them.

11 MS. JONES: How long is the information stored
12 for?

13 MR. BRUEGGER: I'm sorry?

14 MS. JONES: How long is the information -- the
15 data, how long is it stored for, six months, 90 days?

16 MR. BRUEGGER: I believe it is 90 days.

17 MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. BRUEGGER: Yes, ma'am.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions, members?

20 MS. JONES: Not a question but I'm still of the
21 belief that I would like to see how it works as opposed to
22 being told how it works, and so it's not that I'm not
23 supportive of it, from what I'm hearing it sounds like
24 it's another tool for law enforcement to use, but I'm not
25 comfortable voting for something that I have no idea how

1 it works.

2 MR. BRUEGGER: Understood.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: This is Member Gonzalez.

4 I think that what we're discussing here is not
5 necessarily so much as to Flock -- yes, that's what the
6 chief is requesting here -- but I think from the policy
7 perspective, we're talking about equipment here, and so
8 every city is going to have to go through their
9 procurement process for LPR technology and they may not
10 end up choosing Flock. So I think the heart of this
11 discussion here is really can leased interdiction
12 equipment be a Rapid Response Strikeforce item, not
13 necessarily just specifically Flock.

14 Director Wilson, you want to comment on that?

15 MR. WILSON: Yes, that's quite true. What we
16 identified here for this meeting and the policy was, you
17 know, I didn't know the entire universe of what could be
18 out there but we ran into and have been hearing -- again,
19 there a few months ago in the Metroplex we found about the
20 Flock use on the ECM thefts, had two or three ECM thefts
21 with the same paper plate being covered and we could
22 quickly get the dissemination out to the entire police
23 network in that area.

24 But yes, this was a change to say if Flock was
25 proposed by a jurisdiction -- and that's what we have with

1 Chief Bruegger in the City of Pasadena -- that we would
2 allow it as long as they made a commitment to lease it for
3 one year. So this discussion, you're right, was about the
4 policy, proposing two amendments to the policy. I didn't
5 get to the second one yet, but that's what this was
6 actually about was can we consider lease of technology as
7 part of a Rapid Response Strikeforce.

8 I mean, what the Chiefs of Police and the
9 Sheriffs Association has said in their survey for years is
10 there are no more police officers available out there, we
11 have to figure out a way -- I remember San Antonio a few
12 years ago they used to have 150-160, they could just get
13 23 for one academy when we were down there about two years
14 ago. It's a statewide problem, we can't pay enough
15 overtime and we can't find enough officers to fill the
16 gaps, and the chiefs of police and the sheriffs keep
17 saying we need technology, we need smarter ways to do our
18 business to help us out.

19 So really changing the policy to allow leases.
20 Right now we just have overtime and the purchase of
21 equipment, we're asking to add leases. We can strike
22 Flock out of our policy and just add leases if you want to
23 in the motions or in the board book and just say allow
24 leases that provide technological solutions to the police
25 and sheriff departments in our state.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You want to go ahead, Julio?
3 Member Gonzalez, you want to go ahead?

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Go ahead, Chief. I'll go after
5 you.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: On these 20 cameras, is it just
7 in a specific area, or are you talking about putting five
8 here, five there, two here, two there, or is it just a
9 whole area of 20 fixed cameras faced at a certain
10 location?

11 MR. BRUEGGER: These are at certain locations,
12 really the major ingress and egress routes which is really
13 kind of throughout the city. This would get us halfway
14 there and my plan is to budget next fiscal year to add 20
15 more to a total of 40 which would cover all the major
16 ingress and egress routes throughout the city, and our
17 hotspots, for the most part, are the major ingress and
18 egress points in the city.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Member Gonzalez.
20 Thank you, Chief.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: So I just wanted to say that I
22 think with a lot of law enforcement technology everything
23 is moving towards a subscription or a lease model, I mean,
24 everything from Windows to the office, and that's going to
25 include LPR equipment. I mean, there's data that is being

1 sent, has to be sent from all these readers to the hub and
2 so I can see where there are ongoing costs associated with
3 that service. And so I think that given that this is kind
4 of the model that most technologies and software that
5 they're following, we need to be able to adapt to that, we
6 have to be able to allow for mechanisms for leases and not
7 just purchasing because I think it's going to get harder
8 and harder to be able to find a one-and-done system with
9 LPRs and whatnot.

10 That's all I have to say.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I completely agree on that.

12 I think subscription of service is the go-to now. I know
13 for my agency, you know, we're in debt from here on just,
14 you know, with our software system, CAD and RMS,
15 everything is on a SAS program, now everything is in the
16 Cloud. So it's a cost, I know it's going to be a cost,
17 and this is what the future of policing is now,
18 technology, and I know that this something that is very
19 interesting.

20 I just want to make sure that, like we said,
21 the ROI is going to be there, and I'm moving to change the
22 policy in this lease agreements but I'm also inclined to
23 approve this as a pilot program and then come back and
24 give us data as to how this worked for Pasadena before
25 every other commander in our task forces starts applying

1 for this. So I don't know if we can make that sort of
2 motion that we do this as a pilot?

3 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones.

4 Let me say this real quick, I understand the
5 importance of leasing as opposed to purchasing. If this
6 is the route that we're going, then we need to remove
7 Flock, we need to strike that, it needs to be just generic
8 and basic instead of having a company already in there.
9 And in addition to that, the last statement that you said,
10 we need to be prepared that when we give it to one agency,
11 what are our priorities to other agencies when they start
12 asking for it.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What was the last part, Member
14 Jones?

15 MS. JONES: I said we need to be prepared that
16 once -- and I understand the pilot program -- but we also
17 need to be prepared as a board that -- and I do believe
18 that with the pilot program it will be successful, but we
19 need to be prepared that when we give the grant to
20 Pasadena PD that other agencies are going to request and
21 how do we determine who is going to get it and who is not
22 going to get the grant for Flock or any other.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct. And I think the
24 application does state a current problem, a current issue
25 with Pasadena. Correct?

1 MR. BRUEGGER: Yes, sir.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. And again, you know, can
3 we do that, can we approve this as a pilot program instead
4 of approving it because it's something requested, Director
5 Wilson?

6 MR. WILSON: This is Bryan Wilson, for the
7 record.

8 Yes. I mean, the Rapid Response Strikeforce is
9 just in its infancy. When Joe laid out where we are so
10 far, I mean, we've had this program for about two years, I
11 think, and we've only done one, two, three, four, five,
12 six, seven, eight of them -- I guess there's two going
13 right now for FY22 -- so I mean, it's not a big lift. And
14 the jurisdictions that apply still have to demonstrate
15 that they had an immediate -- remember, the policy that
16 this board has adopted is that it has to be in response to
17 an exigent or emergency situation that's affecting their
18 local community related to motor vehicle theft, burglary
19 and motor vehicle crimes. So it's not just like, okay,
20 everybody -- you know, Pasadena gets it so now everybody
21 gets one. That's not how we're operating. We're holding
22 folks accountable, they have to demonstrate.

23 Chairman, you were involved some time back when
24 we recognized with DPS and yourself that we have major
25 issues along the border, we made that border security

1 grant. The board directed is to identify anybody that
2 didn't have an LPR. Eagle Pass came in and got two LPRs.
3 They've already more than recovered the value of those
4 LPRs as they were being inundated with border crossings
5 and illegal smuggling operations and cartels.

6 And so I mean, just to say it's okay for one
7 doesn't mean everybody gets it, they have to demonstrate.

8 They had a 37 percent increase in motor vehicle thefts, I
9 mean, that's pretty exigent and pretty emergency in my
10 book, and they demonstrated that when we were down there.

11 MS. JONES: And I agree that there's criteria
12 but there are other agencies who will meet that criteria,
13 whether on the border, whether they're in East Texas,
14 North Texas, Central Texas, there are going to be several
15 agencies, multiple who qualify based on the criteria. So
16 that's all I'm saying is we just need to be prepared for
17 those who will come after.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

19 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Chief.

21 MR. BRUEGGER: Thank you.

22 MS. HITZMAN: Hi. I'm Dana Hitzman. I'm the
23 commander of the Auto Theft Division for the Houston
24 Police Department.

25 I really just wanted to speak a little bit

1 about Flock and LPR systems and speak in support of
2 Pasadena's application.

3 We use several LPR systems, Flock being one of
4 them. I can give you a recent success story from last
5 week. Our officer was monitoring the Flock system, had a
6 TCI stolen hit, notified the Northwest Crime Suppression
7 Team, they went out to that stolen vehicle, they actually
8 found some other stolen vehicles with that one. They
9 called out our auto theft task force who went out to the
10 scene to help them. There were nine stolen vehicles, six
11 of them were VIN switched, two weapons recovered, they did
12 a search warrant and found evidence inside the
13 apartment -- that's where the two weapons came from -- and
14 46 pounds of marijuana, just from last week.

15 And then more importantly, Flock helped solve
16 the case when Constable Galloway was killed in the line of
17 duty January 23. There was dash cam on that video, there
18 was a sticker on the back of that car, Flock specifically
19 helped the detectives know the route that the suspect took
20 from that scene and helped them narrow in on an area.

21 So I mean, these systems are without a doubt --
22 you know, they just change the game for us and help
23 leverage our resources when resources are tight. So I
24 would really, you know, just implore the board to consider
25 their grant, this is a fantastic system.

1 I will say just about sharing of information,
2 information is not just shared automatically. When
3 Pasadena gets that system, they're going to have to flip a
4 switch to say Houston PD, we want to share information
5 with you, and we have to accept that. So it's both ways,
6 so it's not just information going everywhere, you do give
7 permissions for that.

8 Within HPD we actually require training for all
9 of our officers who have access to it. Flock created
10 videos for us, they're short training videos, we put them
11 into our training system, that's documented when an
12 officer receives that training, and they don't get access
13 to the system until we can verify that they received the
14 training. These systems also have an auditing feature to
15 them so if there were ever any issues with being used for
16 purposes, non-law enforcement purposes, there is an
17 auditing tool within these systems.

18 So really all the way around it's a great
19 system and I just wanted to speak in support of it.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 We also have Matt Peterson to comment.

22 MR. PETERSON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
23 Good morning, members.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning.

25 MR. PETERSON: Matt Peterson, for the record,

1 commander of the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force
2 as of two days ago, so I'm speaking more on the last 12
3 years as the enforcement team leader and the sergeant for
4 Tarrant County's Auto Theft Task Force.

5 The Tarrant County Sheriff's Department is
6 actually in negotiation now and considering the Flock
7 camera program, but in the interim over the last couple of
8 years we partnered with our neighboring cities,
9 specifically Grand Prairie and Fort Worth, combined
10 probably, I would estimate, over 150 of these Flock
11 cameras.

12 I'm speaking in support of the system. We
13 could speak all day about the different successes, as the
14 commander of Houston pointed out. We've specifically been
15 able to link the same temporary eTAGs to the same suspect
16 vehicles and were able to push out real-time information.

17 We manage the North Texas Auto Crimes Intel Network and
18 probably push out about 10 to 15 intel bulletins a week,
19 and one of the big, I guess, positive thing about the
20 Flock cameras is that it allows us to be able to pull up
21 these suspect vehicles, get a very good real-time
22 description of them, include them in bulletins, and that
23 way everybody knows exactly what they're looking for.

24 We also have used this system, we received
25 suspect vehicle information, again with a specific sticker

1 on the back window. We were able to look at the past 30
2 days with the year, make, model and the sticker and locate
3 a suspect vehicle, which tied us to a different county
4 which led to multiple recoveries of stolen cars and trucks
5 and also a mobile meth lab, and as we all know, stolen
6 vehicles and that sort of thing tie into other offenses.

7 So it's been extremely beneficial for us, we're
8 certainly in support of it. I believe it was Member
9 Gonzalez who specifically talked about bringing it into
10 the crime prevention efforts for the community policing,
11 and we have permission from several homeowners
12 associations around the Metroplex who share the
13 information with us, so it's not just with law
14 enforcement, so we may have suspect vehicles who are
15 traveling these neighborhoods.

16 One of the things just from a educational
17 standpoint, a difference between the Flock and the LPRs is
18 the Flock system is more of a static system versus license
19 plate readers are typically mobile, they are mounted, and
20 so it does require to be tied in to a dispatch or a fusion
21 center or patrol car so there can be an immediate
22 response. But the advantages and really just the
23 successes that we've had, again, we can't speak more
24 highly of it.

25 I know this is a success story and this is us

1 talking specifically not to oppose but to be in support of
2 the Flock system and the agenda item is talking about
3 leases and that sort of thing, but I just wanted to put on
4 the record from the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task
5 Force how beneficial it's been to North Texas.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very much.

7 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Wilson.

9 MR. WILSON: So I guess I'll go back to the
10 item that I have laid before you today, and I understand,
11 notwithstanding Major Jones's concern about moving forward
12 on this item, it's up to you, we can table this to the
13 next meeting or you can go ahead and adopt the policy
14 changes that I've proposed in the book and then consider
15 Pasadena, you can set the policy changes off and just
16 consider Pasadena. I'm trying to give y'all options. I
17 know Ms. Hunter is off the board now but one of the things
18 she said, We want options, Bryan, we want options. I know
19 she's not on the board anymore but I'm going to still give
20 y'all options unless y'all tell me, Quit giving me
21 options.

22 But it's really up to this board. If you want
23 to move forward -- and you've got general counsel there,
24 legal counsel -- to say can we adopt this as a board and
25 just agree that it's inconsistent with our policy to move

1 forward with Pasadena and have more -- I'd like to get
2 Major Jones in some of the real-time crime centers like
3 Houston that is doing that, and we can talk about the
4 policy after we've seen it, or you can just table
5 everything into a future meeting. So it's really up to
6 the board about how you want to move forward at this time,
7 either have to take a motion on the policy, take a motion
8 on Pasadena, or take a motion to table to the next
9 meeting.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I tell you what, I think that
11 37 percent increase, it's a concern to me in that area. I
12 do not want to wait to give them a tool that they're
13 asking, they're telling us it's going to help them, so I
14 would like for one of the members to make a motion. But I
15 know that there's another part of that policy change that
16 you want to make here. If you want to elaborate first on
17 that and then we can come back and see if we have a motion
18 and a second to move forward with this policy change, and
19 then we can vote on the Flock system.

20 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bryan
21 Wilson, for the record.

22 The second part of this policy that I was
23 asking for the board to consider was last -- I think it
24 was April, it could have been early May, Chairman
25 Rodriguez and I were asked to come to the Texas Tax

1 Assessor-Collectors Association meeting and we began the
2 process and discussions of looking for venues and methods
3 in operations. The 2019 Legislative Session expanded our
4 role to include fraud related motor vehicle crimes, and so
5 one of the frontline places that fraud related motor
6 vehicle crime takes place is in the 254-plus tax
7 assessor-collector offices, but in a lot of jurisdictions
8 we don't have or we've never made allowance for ways for
9 our task forces to better complement and interact with our
10 tax assessor-collectors.

11 So what I was asking for this first round is to
12 expand the opportunity for our task forces to receive
13 reimbursement for travel expenses -- training -- excuse
14 me, I said travel, I meant training expenses related to
15 providing training at the regional level, at the
16 individual city level to the tax assessor-collectors. So
17 a task force can say we'd like to do a training, we need
18 to rent a room or we need some facilities. Now, under
19 state law -- we've got the CFO somewhere in here -- we
20 can't buy food and water, so I want to be clear about
21 that, no food and water, but still we could provide and
22 support our task forces for not being out grant money to
23 do the training. If they want to do it with their
24 existing grant money then they have the flexibility to do
25 so, but they could set up a regional training in a

1 training academy and provide the rental space, technology
2 equipment to do it on a stream or whatever. We don't know
3 what all those costs are but I'm just opening up the
4 policy to be able to train tax assessor-collectors in an
5 individual or regional basis.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I can expand on that, Director
7 Wilson.

8 I know that we attended that conference and in
9 speaking to some of these assessor-collectors, the
10 majority of them did not know anything about MVCPA, the
11 majority of them did not know there was a task force in
12 their jurisdiction that can provide the information that
13 they need. Some of them, I know that in conversations
14 with them, did not know anything about a fraudulent title.

15 You know, they tell them look out for fraudulent titles,
16 but what am I looking for? So that training that they
17 should get should come -- you know, there was a
18 conversation and we said, you know what, maybe this is
19 something that we should try and do and make it easy for
20 them and have like a regional training, for example, in
21 the big cities where they can bring several jurisdictions
22 into that one training to train them.

23 The other thing also is on 68-As. You know, I
24 know, like for example, Laredo right now we're swamped
25 with 68-As till the end of the year, and I think if we can

1 train some of their investigators that are assigned to
2 them to do 68-A inspections and to look at 68-A
3 inspections that are real, not the fraudulent ones that
4 they take, I believe it's going to help us in what we do
5 every day.

6 So this is part of the policy change, board
7 members, and I know that this is something that me and
8 Director Wilson spoke about and I think that this would
9 benefit, again, have these trainings in bigger
10 jurisdictions where we can bring the tax assessor-
11 collectors to make sure that they get the training on
12 fraudulent titles and that we also can expand that
13 training to make those investigators that are assigned to
14 those jurisdictions, embedded in them, to be able to make
15 those 68-As and help us with those 68-As that are
16 constantly just coming. Like I said, Laredo is from here
17 to the end of the year, we're booked, we have no more room
18 for 68-As and we have to make special circumstances where
19 we have tractor-trailers that are by the hundreds that
20 they want us to inspect.

21 So this is something that I know will help and
22 that will help us have better communication with the tax
23 assessor-collectors in our jurisdictions. Thank you.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez, for the record.

25 Mr. Chair, I think it's a great idea to

1 incorporate the tax assessors into our strategy, and
2 should the board approve it, I would love to work with you
3 to have Dallas PD host at our academy -- because we have
4 the space -- the joint training for the region.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Member Gonzalez.

6 Members, would anyone like to make a motion?

7 MS. WHITEHILL: Mr. Chairman, Member Whitehill,
8 for the record.

9 I move that the MVCPA expand the MVCPA Rapid
10 Response Strikeforce Grant process for approval and
11 funding to include, one, leases of interdiction equipment
12 and technology when grantees agree to provide for at least
13 one subsequent year of full funding and reporting MVCPA's
14 statutory measure beyond the grant budget initial lease,
15 and two, allow MVCPA funded task forces to request a Rapid
16 Response Strikeforce Grant to provide training to Texas
17 county tax assessor-collector offices and area law
18 enforcement agencies to combat fraudulent motor vehicle
19 crime.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is there a second?

21 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I second.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion on this
23 item?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call

1 for the vote. Members, when I call your name, please
2 state your name for the record and if you support the
3 motion or you do not support the motion.

4 Member Brotherton?

5 MS. BROTHERTON: Support.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

7 MR. SALINAS: Support the motion.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I support the
10 motion.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

12 MS. JONES: Support.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill.

14 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I support.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
16 Mike Rodriguez, vote for the motion. The motion passes.

17 We will now move on to agenda item 3(a),

18 Consider application for Pasadena Rapid Response

19 Strikeforce Grant Program.

20 Mr. Wilson.

21 MR. WILSON: Well, as I said, what they're
22 asking for in this -- and I know Chief Bruegger has
23 already spoken, but basically what they're asking for is a
24 Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant in the amount of \$55,000.
25 They're going to provide \$11,000 cash match out of their

1 current year budget, and they have committed to extend the
2 lease of these cameras for at least one year beyond
3 their -- and Chief Bruegger, I want to be clear, we cannot
4 expect somebody to put it down in blood or some sort of
5 formal commitment on the future city council's obligation,
6 but they are committed at the time that they're making
7 this application, and then we'll go back and follow up
8 whether they did it or not, and the action is not to
9 return money if they fail to do the second year of
10 commitment, what we do is say we'll remember that the next
11 time you come and ask for a grant. Right? I mean, that's
12 the deal. Now, things change without good cause or
13 whatever, but we can hold people accountable even if we
14 can't claw back money.

15 But I think it's a good deal or I wouldn't have
16 brought it to you. I just want you to know Joe and I
17 personally went down there, looked at the system, we
18 looked at how they were connected to other jurisdictions
19 around their area, and we think it's a good deal and we
20 think it will more than --just like a while ago I showed
21 you we got, you know, almost a million dollars worth of
22 cars back from a \$200,000 investment in four months. I
23 mean, the Rapid Response Strikeforce was not a year or two
24 years, that data that's on that page we showed you a
25 minute ago, so we really believe we're going to get our

1 money back for the State of Texas and the citizens of
2 Texas very quickly.

3 So that's my recommendation is to authorize
4 this grant and then you can label it a pilot program and
5 if you want us to stop and see how this works out for a
6 while and come back to the next board meeting, that's fine
7 if you're interested in just doing this as a pilot one
8 time, but either way I think we should fund this. Thank
9 you.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, I think that 37 percent
11 increase, again, it's a concern for us. We already have a
12 problem in the Houston area, a bunch of cars are being
13 stolen, I mean, we cannot deny that, and the fact that now
14 we have Pasadena, a neighboring jurisdiction, having that
15 issue with a 37 percent increase, as a board we cannot
16 allow this to continue. We already have the issue in the
17 Odessa-Midland area that we need to address.

18 MR. WILSON: I'm working on it.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. And we have great
20 commanders in our Harris County jurisdiction, we have
21 great commanders in that area that are trying to do things
22 and that are trying to be innovators in this aspect of
23 policing. You know, using technology is going to be the
24 thing that we're going to do every time. Again, hiring
25 officers is becoming very, very difficult, but at the end

1 of the day, I'm a strong believer in technology, I'm a
2 strong believer in giving the tools to these commanders to
3 make their work not easier but being able to capture the
4 suspects before they get to another jurisdiction, before
5 they get to the border, before they go do something else
6 that's going to affect not only the property crime that
7 they have on hand but the public itself. That's our
8 biggest worry, that they use the stolen car to go do
9 something else that's going affect a person, and we're not
10 going to allow that to happen.

11 So again, I'm a strong believer in giving them
12 the tools to do what they need to do and this is the
13 reason why I want to move forward and try to see if we can
14 make this available to them. So at this moment, members,
15 would anyone like to make a motion?

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I move that
17 the MVCPA award an FY22 Rapid Response Grant to the City
18 of Pasadena in the amount of \$44,000 for the lease and
19 implementation of a Flock camera system, with the
20 condition that they maintain the lease for one year beyond
21 the end of the grant period at the city's expense and
22 report to the MVCPA at least the total number of vehicles
23 covered, arrests made and cases cleared as a result of
24 using that system for each year.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

1 MR. SALINAS: Mr. Chairman, Member Salinas. I
2 second.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion on this
4 item?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
7 for the vote. Members, when I call your name, please
8 state your name for the record and if you are in support
9 of the motion or do not support the motion.

10 Member Brotherton?

11 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. Support.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

13 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. Support.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

15 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. Support.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

17 MS. JONES: I abstain.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

19 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. Support.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
21 Mike Rodriguez, vote for the motion. Motion passes.

22 It's 10:38, we're going to take a quick
23 10-minute break and then we'll be back to continue with
24 the next agenda item.

25 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record show it's 10:57
2 a.m. and we'll now be reconvening.

3 Members, I would like to move to item number 7,
4 Discuss fiscal year '24-25 legislative appropriations
5 request process and how recommendations to change that to
6 improve processes will be managed by Texas DMV.

7 This item has two subparts. First we will hear
8 from Texas DMV staff regarding the process leading up to
9 the 88th Legislative Session, and second, we will have a
10 presentation concerning the LAR and exceptional item
11 processes. Texas DMV staff member, Bryan Wilson, will
12 present this item.

13 Mr. Wilson.

14 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What we
15 wanted to do, and I just really want to compliment DMV,
16 the director of Governmental and Strategic Communications,
17 as well as the new chief financial officer for DMV. They
18 volunteered of their own free will, with no cajoling or
19 whining on my part -- maybe with the CFO a little
20 whining -- no, I'm kidding. They've really stepped up
21 because what we've always had is this joint process of
22 we're an administratively subsumed agency within another
23 agency and we have our statutory requirements, but we
24 depend on the DMV and the DMV Board to present, and
25 they've just really stepped up immediately to offer their

1 ability to explain the process directly so that, number
2 one, you know who they are, that you as chairman or board
3 members can reach directly, if you don't trust me or don't
4 like me anymore, whatever, you can reach out and touch
5 them and get information. And of course, I'll always be
6 available to you but it's okay to say what is the process
7 for DMV or whatever.

8 You are governor-appointed board members, and I
9 can't tell you how grateful I am to both Keith Yawn, who
10 is going to speak first, and then Glenna Rhea Bowman, who
11 is going to speak second, to talk about the process. I'm
12 going to say in seven years this is the first time we've
13 had the process presented to the board directly by DMV and
14 lay out this is what's coming for the next six months, the
15 legislative session starts in January, and they wanted to
16 be able to explain the process directly and then take any
17 questions. And we will come back and talk about some of
18 the ideas that might want to discuss later, but I felt it
19 was really important to give them the opportunity early in
20 the meeting to present this.

21 So first I'd like to introduce the director of
22 Governmental and Strategic Communication at the Texas
23 Department of Motor Vehicles, Keith Yawn. He's fairly new
24 to our agency but he's got a wealth of experience that I
25 know we can rely on in both state government and other

1 processes.

2 Keith.

3 MR. YAWN: Thank you, Bryan.

4 Mr. Chairman, members of the board, good
5 morning.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning.

7 MR. YAWN: Thank you for allowing me some time
8 on your agenda this morning to discuss the legislative
9 process that the Department of Motor Vehicles is planning
10 for the remainder of this year.

11 I know that it can seem a little daunting to
12 start thinking about the commencement of the 88th
13 Legislative Session in January of 2023 this early in the
14 game, but as many of you know, there is a lot of work that
15 goes into preparing appropriately for a legislative
16 session. The legislature will convene in January of 2023
17 to take up new statutory changes and new budgets and
18 that's what we're here to discuss this morning.

19 Last month in February, staff of the Department
20 of Motor Vehicles began a process of identifying and
21 considering new statutory changes to operations, to budget
22 structures, to the needs of the agency legally and
23 operationally that may exist, and this is really a multi-
24 stage process. We're looking at ideas and considerations
25 from past legislative sessions that may not have yet been

1 implemented, we're seeking input from all of our internal
2 operational divisions to identify new ideas that may have
3 arisen in recent years or may not have been identified in
4 the past, and we're also reaching out to a very broad
5 array of our stakeholder groups, both in industry, law
6 enforcement representatives and others to see what ideas
7 are out there and what ways we can continue to improve our
8 operations to work better with the partners that we have
9 in the areas that we regulate and administer for the State
10 of Texas.

11 This will be an ongoing process over the next
12 several months. It is a very intense process that once an
13 idea is identified for consideration then we do have quite
14 a bit of work to do in reviewing and vetting the
15 implications of that idea, what it means statutorily, what
16 it would mean for operations, what resources may be
17 needed, so that when we take ideas to our board for
18 consideration and their approval and what we would be
19 recommending to the legislature as part of a larger
20 package, they have a full sense of the size and scope and
21 scale of what we are potentially recommending as an agency
22 and what that discussion will be.

23 That process will take several months, as I
24 mentioned, and our hope is to be able to take an initial
25 slate of ideas to the Legislative and Public Affairs

1 Committee of the Texas DMV Board, as well as the full
2 board, for their first kind of stab at reviewing and
3 considering them during the June 2022 meetings.

4 Following that and input that we receive from
5 them, as well as additional input that we receive from
6 other groups, this board, of course, our stakeholder
7 groups, following those presentations that would occur in
8 June, we would further refine those ideas and then seek
9 final approval on a slate of legislative recommendations
10 to be considered by the 88th Legislative Session by the
11 end of the summer in August of this year.

12 That schedule would then allow us to begin a
13 process in the fall of this year of educating and briefing
14 legislative offices on the needs of the agency, our
15 operational visions and what our priorities are moving
16 into the next legislative session so that they are fully
17 aware and educated on those needs and can consider
18 possible authoring of legislation related to those ideas
19 or what their positions may be on those as they enter the
20 debate stages during the legislative session.

21 And of course, you'll hear in just a minute
22 from our chief financial officer about the budget process,
23 and to the extent that we can, we will be attempting in
24 every way to coordinate these processes with the budget
25 considerations as well, because while there are many items

1 that may need statutory changes to provide improvement,
2 there is also a lot that can be done within the budget
3 itself, and I know that that is a consideration of this
4 board specifically.

5 I have been working with and trying to keep
6 Director Wilson apprised of what our processes are and how
7 we're moving forward and make sure that he is able to work
8 with y'all to contribute and provide input on those
9 processes at every step along the way and I want to make
10 sure that you know this morning that we are committed to
11 working with y'all and doing what we can to make sure that
12 the needs of this group are considered appropriately
13 within that full process.

14 So with that, I'd be happy to take any
15 questions you have or pass it on to my colleague.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, do you have any
17 questions?

18 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I've got a
19 question.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead, Member Gonzalez.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Yawn, so if I'm
22 understanding this process correctly, if this body, if
23 this board of the MVCPA is in need of something from the
24 legislature -- I think you used the word "filtered" a few
25 times, so are you guys kind of the decision-makers as to

1 what it is that is presented to the legislature? Am I
2 understanding that correct?

3 MR. YAWN: We're absolutely one audience for
4 the legislature as far as how ideas get presented but
5 we're clearly not the only one, but what we're trying to
6 put together is a package that the Texas DMV Board has
7 approved as far as what the agency's priorities are moving
8 forward.

9 I think one important thing that I didn't
10 mention that is part of this year-long process that we're
11 undertaking is that not every idea that comes up -- and
12 I've been talking with our internal division directors
13 about this -- necessarily ends up on the list because we
14 do have, as everyone has in state government, resource and
15 capacity constraints that we have to consider as far as
16 what we're able to support during a legislative session,
17 and so there is a part of this that is a prioritization of
18 ideas, and so that will be part of the process. But
19 that's an open discussion and one we want to make sure all
20 our stakeholders are involved with so that we end up with
21 a list of ideas and considerations that the board is
22 comfortable represents the agency well and the needs of
23 the agency to improve moving forward.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: So Mr. Yawn, if I'm
25 understanding you correctly, so if this board has a

1 legislative need, it would then go to the committees for
2 filtering and then from there it would go to the DMV Board
3 for consideration, and then if everything passes, it could
4 go to the legislature?

5 MR. YAWN: That's correct, yes. So we'll be
6 presenting to initially the Legislative and Public Affairs
7 Committee of the DMV Board to begin that vetting process,
8 and ultimately the board will put their stamp of approval
9 on a final list of items.

10 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

12 MR. WILSON: For the record, Bryan Wilson.

13 So Lieutenant Gonzalez, I appreciate your
14 question because what this really is, so you're a
15 governor-appointed board and you have some legislative
16 access and that's through the plan of operations, so
17 that's not through DMV, that has nothing to do with DMV --
18 I mean, I always send it out to GSC to look for spelling
19 errors and content, you know, advisories and things like
20 that, David looks at it. So we have a plan of operation
21 that's statutorily required of this board prior to the
22 session, it's due on December 1, and those are things
23 where we are to explain what we are doing to combat auto
24 theft, what we need to do a better job of combating auto
25 theft, and then also the financial needs of this agency.

1 That goes straight to the Lieutenant Governor and the
2 House and the Senate.

3 But DMV has a different statutory charge and
4 they're authorized in the Transportation Code to provide
5 to the legislature things about process improvement -- I'm
6 going to screw up the words here and Matt is back there --
7 process improvement, is that right?

8 MR. YAWN: Improvements in efficiencies.

9 MR. WILSON: Improvements in efficiencies. So
10 that's about the operation. For instance, House Bill 3514
11 that passed last session, we realized that the Comptroller
12 was collecting a penalty and fee on all of our taxes and I
13 went, Wait, we don't have the statutory authority. We
14 talked to David, and it was like, Whoa, time out. And so
15 we went to the legislature through DMV that it was not
16 right to have the only fee in the state of Texas not have
17 a penalty for late filing or whatever, so we got a penalty
18 included and interest for non-paying. That's an
19 efficiency issue because that went through DMV.

20 Now, you're right, there are times when we
21 proposed something to DMV and it didn't get through, but
22 again, they have a statutory charge that's different than
23 ours, and so like when it comes to how we get our deposits
24 or a lot of those kind of things about how we organize our
25 funds or how we're allowed to organize our funds, that's

1 really -- and David, you're the attorney so I don't want
2 to step out of line here -- but we don't really have a
3 statutory charge in our board about making recommendations
4 to the legislature about how to organize the funding or
5 what accounts get deposited, or you know, those kind of
6 things.

7 Does that make sense or does that help,
8 Lieutenant?

9 MR. GONZALEZ: I get it.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez, did you want
11 to say something? Because it didn't come through.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: Sorry about that, I guess there
13 was a delay.

14 I understand that.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So the legislative committee
16 that we have, that takes a different route on what our
17 needs are and all that?

18 MR. WILSON: The committee we talked about
19 earlier would be the group that talks about what do we
20 need operationally to present to DMV. Thank you.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

22 MR. YAWN: And Mr. Chairman, if I may? One
23 thing as part of that, because as I said, we are committed
24 to working with you and cooperating to make sure DMV very
25 clearly understands the needs that this board identifies

1 and prioritizes them appropriately within the full needs
2 of the agency.

3 And I laid out a process that within DMV
4 recognizes kind of an ideal and to some extent aggressive
5 timeline on these. It is not to say and exclude the idea
6 that there may be ideas that will come forward later in
7 the year just because that's when they're identified or
8 when they're developed more fully, and there is a process
9 where we can continue to consider those and take them to
10 the legislature. These are not deadlines where once we
11 hit them there's no further action that we can take and we
12 can continue to have those discussions and make sure as
13 things evolve throughout the year those are considered in
14 the process that the legislature considers and any bills
15 the legislature considers during the next session take
16 into account fully up-to-date information on that and any
17 changes in the needs that MVCPA or Texas DMV has changed
18 in that interim.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

20 MR. YAWN: Thank you.

21 MR. WILSON: Glenna Rhea Bowman, the chief
22 financial officer for the Texas Department of Motor
23 Vehicles.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning and welcome.

25 MS. BOWMAN: Good morning, Chairman Rodriguez

1 and board members. For the record, my name is Glenna
2 Bowman. I am the chief financial officer for the Texas
3 Department of Motor Vehicles, and I'm very pleased to be
4 here this morning for my first meeting with the MVCPA
5 Board. I've been with TxDMV for about six months so I
6 feel really experienced, but I have been with the state
7 for over 30 years in a financial capacity.

8 I've known Bryan Wilson for a really long time,
9 probably, gosh, 15 or 20 years, because I worked with him
10 in a similar capacity when I was at the Office of Court
11 Administration as their CFO and Bryan was a staff member
12 with the Indigent Defense Commission and OCA supported
13 them administratively, so we've had lots of back and forth
14 over the years trying to make sure we're working together
15 how that works.

16 And so I recognize that there's an element of
17 independence for this board and I want you to know that we
18 respect that and understand your role as policymakers in
19 this important work that you're doing, and so to the
20 degree that we can, we really just want to support you all
21 and make sure that we're coordinating because the more
22 organized we are between DMV and MVCPA and our other
23 stakeholders, the more effective we'll be and all winning,
24 you know, in the process. So thank you very much for
25 having me here this morning.

1 I have a very, very brief and high level
2 overview of our timeline for two items. One is the 2023-
3 27 strategic plan -- we have to do a five-year plan -- and
4 the other is the 2024-25 legislative appropriations
5 request, and I'm going to talk about those processes. The
6 timeline is in your board materials on page 49. Again,
7 it's a very high level.

8 So the strategic plan instructions were just
9 issued by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's
10 Office last week. Our schedule says March because we
11 didn't know when we went to print when those instructions
12 would actually be issued, so we just got them last week,
13 and this is a document that all state agencies have to
14 complete that lays out specific things about customer
15 service and our workforce and where we're headed in the
16 future, our goals and objectives and so on.

17 There were no substantive changes in the
18 instructions from last session, that's pretty much what we
19 expected, so we're working through that process. And as a
20 part of that process, the MVCPA has the opportunity to
21 make updates, request changes to the authority's
22 performance measures and related definitions, and I'm just
23 talking about two right now that are specifically related
24 to the General Appropriations Act. We're currently
25 working with Bryan on this -- I know y'all have other

1 measures and things that you look at, so it's pretty
2 specific as far as what we're looking at, but we are
3 working with Bryan on that and I'm sure he'll keep you
4 updated.

5 In April the LBB and the Governor's Office will
6 release the base reconciliation instructions -- I'll talk
7 about that in just a minute -- and DMV staff will present
8 an update on the strategic plan to the TxDMV Board, so
9 just in terms of time frame.

10 The base reconciliation that I just mentioned,
11 that's going to be completed in May of 2022. That
12 document sets out the baseline budget for the MVCPA and
13 for TxDMV for FY 2024-25, so this amount -- and we do it
14 every two years, it's a routine process for all state
15 agencies -- so the LBB goes in and they look at the budget
16 for MVCPA for 2022-23, the biennium we're in right now,
17 and we'll go ahead and assume for right now that they're
18 going to say 100 percent of that, that's your baseline for
19 the next biennium, for 2024-25. Sometimes they make it 95
20 percent, sometimes 90, it depends. I think our economy is
21 in pretty good shape right now so for now we're
22 anticipating to start at 100 percent.

23 And then that sets the baseline for our budget
24 request for your budget request for 2024-25, and anything
25 that is above that baseline would be an exceptional item,

1 and I would love to work with y'all in terms of how we
2 package that, put it together, prioritize it because some
3 ways are more effective than others, and of course, it
4 depends on what the legislature is feeling like
5 prioritizing, but we can help in that process so that we
6 can put together the best package possible so that you can
7 get the things that you need to fulfill your duties.

8 The strategic plan, back to that, is due to the
9 LBB and the Governor's Office on June 1. Later in June of
10 this year the TxDMV staff will present a preliminary
11 legislative appropriations request to the TxDMV Board that
12 would include information about the MVCPA. We will be
13 working with Bryan and this board throughout the process
14 to make sure we incorporate the MVCPA into the LAR.

15 Around September of this year, the LBB and the
16 Governor's Office staff will conduct joint budget hearings
17 on the agency budget. There's an opportunity for y'all to
18 comment in that process, that's at the staff level. And
19 then LBB and the Governor's Office kind of goes away for a
20 few months and they go play with numbers and they look at
21 revenue estimates and do all of that, so that in January
22 the LBB and Governor's Office will present recommended
23 budgets to begin at the beginning of the legislative
24 session and in January of 2023 the State Comptroller will
25 issue the biennial revenue estimate, which also is

1 obviously a key driver in the state budget.

2 I do want to reiterate that we, Keith and I and
3 all of TxDMV, will be working with Bryan and you all
4 throughout the process, as well as during legislative
5 session, so we can do everything we can to make sure that
6 MVCPA is well represented and we put our best foot forward
7 so that you can get the resources to do your job.

8 And with that, thank you again for having me
9 this morning. I'm happy to answer any questions.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

11 Members, any questions?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We don't have any questions.

14 MS. BOWMAN: All right. Thank you very much.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very much for coming
16 today.

17 Director Wilson.

18 MR. WILSON: So thank you, Chairman. For the
19 record, Bryan Wilson.

20 So I want the members to understand when she
21 was talking about the baseline reconciliation process.
22 This year we were appropriated \$14.9 million but we have a
23 statutory provision in Transportation Code 1006.153 that
24 says that we're supposed to get 20 percent of the funds we
25 collected, so this last year in 2021 we collected roughly

1 \$108 million, but when the legislature starts the
2 reconciliation process that she's talking about in May,
3 she will not be turning in the \$22 million or \$24 million
4 we're supposed to have allocated to us, she has to turn
5 in, and it's by rule of the Legislative Budget Board and
6 the Governor's Policy Office that they would turn in not
7 what the statute requires but what we were appropriated.

8 So just want to make sure everybody understands
9 there is a number that's in statute that we're supposed to
10 receive a percentage of what we collect. As Mr. Hansen
11 indicated, it hasn't been done in a very long time. But
12 it won't be Glenna's fault that she doesn't turn in the
13 \$24 million.

14 Go ahead.

15 MS. BOWMAN: Thanks, Bryan, I appreciate that.

16 I just want to clarify also that that's what
17 exceptional items are for and the other legislative
18 processes that we have available in our toolkit. So for
19 example, in the legislative appropriations request, if we
20 want to say we need the rest of the money to get to this
21 little 20 percent, we can present that information in the
22 LAR. And so those are some of the things we need to have
23 discussions about to make sure, again, that we're putting
24 those requests in as appropriate.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I think it's going to be

1 much needed for us to have those conversations so that
2 that can be pushed to the budget committee, just because I
3 know that a lot of the areas that we currently don't cover
4 is because we don't have the access to that money. So
5 we'll come back and have those conversations but I think
6 it's very important that we do push that note that we are
7 in need of those funds.

8 MS. BOWMAN: Happy to help in any way we can.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

11 MR. WILSON: Thank you for the indulgence, Mr.
12 Chairman. I know that everybody has busy schedules and
13 we've got a lot to do, but I think a lot of this other
14 stuff will go fairly quickly, some of it is discussion or
15 presentation. But thank you for allowing us to move this
16 agenda item number 7. We can either return back to number
17 4 or move on to the discussion in 8 that's kind of tied to
18 this, either way, but there is no action item for agenda
19 item 8, so however you want to move, Mr. Chairman.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think we move up also item 8
21 and discuss this. There's no action on item number 7 for
22 the members, so we'll discuss item number 8. So agenda
23 item number 8, Consider directing MVCPA staff to consider
24 studying and prioritizing the LAR process improvement
25 requiring statutory change issues, including dedicated law

1 enforcement fund account, General Revenue Fund Account
2 3206, bait car coordination ownership license in
3 coordination with Texas DMV, prosecutor funding training
4 and coordination, and expansion and service to areas with
5 no specialized law enforcement resources, with a
6 consideration of such sub-issues as impact of funding
7 reduction, increases in personnel losses to the public and
8 state, increases in crime, reductions in statutory
9 performance measures, and need for better coordination in
10 response to Texas DMV fraud related crime.

11 Mr. Wilson.

12 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 For the record, this is Bryan Wilson.

14 Starting on the board packet on page 51, again,
15 this is not an action item unless the board decides to
16 take some formal vote on directing staff. It won't be
17 needed, we'll do whatever the heck you say, but if you
18 feel like the need to order us to do something or get it
19 on the record, we'll be glad to do it. I don't want the
20 board to feel like that I'm telling you you can't do a
21 motion when you think that there's something that you
22 might want to do a motion.

23 But what this was is just the first draft
24 vetting -- and I really do need to set up a legislative
25 committee and start talking about some of these issues

1 with that committee, and then we can start getting -- but
2 I wanted to show you kind of where we've been on some of
3 these issues and where we're trying to go.

4 So the first item is a dedicated law
5 enforcement account. So for two or three sessions, maybe
6 back further before I got here, but certainly we have been
7 asking for a dedicated account. Now, I talked to Ruth
8 McClellan before she passed away and she said she was
9 really sorry that she put in the statutory language that
10 said the \$2 fee -- when she said 50 percent may only be
11 appropriated to the ABTPA, she really meant "shall" but
12 put "may only" thinking everybody would know what that
13 meant and it didn't work out for her, and she was always
14 really sorry about that. But then later, Tommy Hansen and
15 I, when they did update the law in Transportation Code
16 1006, we and NICB State Director Lohmann and quite a few
17 others met with Chairman Zerwas said, "Shall means shall,
18 gentlemen." Well, here we are four years later and shall
19 still isn't \$24 million or \$20 million.

20 So what the solution has been for years
21 proposed by this board, but to no success whatsoever and
22 against some strong headwinds -- I'll use Keith Yawn's
23 terminology about the purpose of dedicated accounts --
24 there's been, you know, I don't know, 15-20 years ago the
25 legislature realized by having so many dedicated accounts

1 they had reduced their ability to appropriate for things
2 that were more immediate at that time, so dedicated
3 accounts are totally out.

4 But I wanted to remind the board we've tried
5 numerous times to go to the legislature and ask for some
6 sort of dedicated account and we had bills filed -- I
7 appreciate Matthew Miller, our gentleman that helps us a
8 lot with legislative issues, I don't even know if he's
9 still here -- he's standing in the back there, and he's
10 always been real helpful to identify the bills that have
11 been filed in the past about 50 percent dedication, you
12 know, different kinds of tries where whatever is deposited
13 gets deposited into a general account. Even
14 Representative McClellan tried to file a bill for an
15 account outside. In most cases these have never gotten
16 hearings, so what I don't want to do is present this and
17 say, Hey, guys, I think we should ask for this again. All
18 I'm saying is unless there's some compelling reason that
19 the board wants to consider asking for this, then we can
20 either do that.

21 The last time we tried, I think there was a
22 bill being submitted by DMV to at least have the
23 appropriations deposited into the Fund 10 -- thank you,
24 Glenna -- where we would just have the amount appropriated
25 deposited into the DMV or Fund 10 so at least that money

1 would stay in the pot inside of a dedicated account.

2 Okay?

3 So again, I'm not asking you to decide anything
4 but we have to start thinking about as a board and working
5 with DMV about what is the strategy about the money that
6 gets appropriated, either dedicated from the collections
7 side that's being deposited into our 3206, the \$108
8 million, or we get an appropriation and whatever
9 exceptional items and that gets deposited into the DMV
10 Fund, but we need to start thinking about that, and what
11 our history has been, fairly unsuccessful history of
12 making any progress.

13 So are there any questions? I think I'll stop
14 there because that's about money, and so are there any
15 questions about that issue before I move on to some of the
16 other issues?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any questions from the board?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. WILSON: All right. A couple of years ago
20 we did a study at A&M, we identified some of the key
21 factors in successful bait car programs, and you know, a
22 lot of it -- I know y'all already know this but what
23 really makes a successful bait car program is a lot of
24 dedicated officers out in the field like at the Houston PD
25 and Officer Ballard -- and I forget all their names --

1 Travis County had a really good program, Tarrant County
2 and Fort Worth have had an amazing program, but at the end
3 of the day they all keep running into the same thing, and
4 I showed you how likely is our inventory reflecting our
5 top targets being stolen. And if you really want a
6 successful program, you've got to have the kind of
7 inventory that's being stolen on a regular basis.

8 And Lieutenant Gonzalez and I have spent so
9 many headaches in the last, I don't know, three or four
10 months, five months, Lieutenant, banging our head against
11 the wall trying to change our inventory, and I know
12 Houston sits back there silent all the time but we have an
13 obligation to all of our task forces to figure out ways to
14 do a better job of keeping our task forces with stuff that
15 they can make arrests and recoveries. Because all of
16 these arrests, they tend to show once we have a
17 perpetrator under arrest and we find out where they are
18 and we find more stolen vehicles and we drop the crime
19 rate in that area while they're under arrest.

20 So this has been a frustration. A lot of
21 states have done single where the state operates the bait
22 car ownership and transfers the alias titles. There's a
23 lot of complicated things that go with this. You can't
24 have a bait car out there registered to Mike Rodriguez,
25 you have to have the alias title and alias registrations

1 because we do have criminal enterprises that have access
2 to some records, so we have to be careful about how we
3 operate these covert operations and they often come with
4 high risk.

5 So because of that we want to start thinking
6 about how do we own the vehicles, how do we receive --
7 Lieutenant Gonzalez and I have been working with GM to get
8 five vehicles donated but then now all of a sudden we have
9 technology problems, how are we going to get them
10 outfitted, how are we going to pay for that. You see what
11 I'm saying, there's just lots of things.

12 So what I'd like to do is for us to consider --
13 and I don't know that it requires a statutory change or a
14 process change or appropriations, but we already own
15 dozens of bait cars, right, in the MVCPA, everything from
16 four-wheelers to cars to trucks, and it's just not a good
17 use because when the vehicles get burned, the process
18 where they get recognized as a bait vehicle, it would be
19 better rather than to have that put back in the warehouse
20 for a year is to move it to Dallas, to move it to Lubbock
21 and to move it to El Paso and continue operating that
22 vehicle without the loss of having it in a warehouse.

23 I mean, I went out to El Paso a couple of years
24 ago Dan and I went out there, and they had a motorcycle
25 hidden in a storage unit. Didn't you, Rick? And it was

1 hidden there because they didn't want it spotted for a
2 long time until they could get it back out as a bait
3 vehicle. Right?

4 Anyway, so this is something I'd like the board
5 to consider that you provide some direction to staff. So
6 any questions about the bait car coordination or
7 ownership? We don't know what all the statutory and
8 financial obligations are but we think we should start
9 studying it.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do you have a list of the
11 agencies that are still using bait cars?

12 MR. WILSON: Well, we can ascertain it from our
13 inventory list. I don't have it right here in front of
14 me, sir, but we do know that Houston, Fort Worth, the
15 Tarrant County group, El Paso, Travis, and I know Lubbock
16 and City of Dallas, certainly, and Dallas County, both
17 have had some sort of bait cars, sometimes it's a trailer,
18 sometimes it's a motorcycle. So we have an inventory list
19 so we can figure that out really quick. But as Chief
20 Garcia used to say, a lot of our border communities don't
21 have bait car operations because, as Chief Garcia used to
22 sit in the meetings and say, Well, there it goes on the
23 other side of the bridge, about the time it gets stolen.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But also --

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I've got a

1 comment.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead, Member Gonzalez.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: I mean, the bait car program is
4 a tried and true mechanism to reduce auto theft. We have
5 a 100 percent conviction rate with our bait cars because
6 you have a bad guy, I mean, on camera, whatnot, breaking
7 in. Our prosecutors feel very confident taking these auto
8 thieves to jail with respect to the bait cars. Now, that
9 is assuming that all the equipment works and that an
10 appropriate signal is transmitted, you know, and whatnot.

11 And so again, it goes back to technology, we have to move
12 with the times.

13 So Director Wilson, I know that you've said you
14 don't know if the necessary mechanism is a statutory
15 change or something, but I do think that a statewide bait
16 car program, similar to Colorado because we're not trying
17 to reinvent the wheel here. The Colorado MVCPA has this
18 exact system that we're trying to implement, almost kind
19 of like a ride sharing, a bait car sharing program. And
20 so I don't know, Director Wilson, if this is a statutory
21 change or something, but I do think that that is something
22 that we need to push.

23 I understand DMV needs to, I guess, kind of be
24 the filter, you know, whatnot. I would appreciate being
25 able to go directly to the decision-makers, if it's the

1 legislature, the governor, or whoever, I would like to go
2 and speak to them directly about the importance of such a
3 program. So I ask whatever mechanism is necessary for us
4 to move the ball, I would ask your staff to look into
5 that.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So what we're trying to do is
7 implement a policy where if a jurisdiction has a bait car
8 and it's bought with MVCPA funds that that jurisdiction,
9 whenever that bait car is burned that they would advise us
10 and we would ask other jurisdiction who wants it.
11 Correct?

12 MR. WILSON: But the Colorado model is where
13 all the bait cars are owned by the CATPA is what it's
14 called up there, the Auto Theft Prevention Authority, so
15 their public safety department or any jurisdiction that's
16 running a bait car program wants to come check it out, it
17 would be basically a car library -- how about that better
18 than a ride share -- a car library. You would go check it
19 out for the two or three weeks that you need to run it,
20 and then you would bring it back, because some of the burn
21 rates are as short as two months.

22 What was it, I think Matt Peterson was showing
23 me, or Brian Sudan, a thing up in Fort Worth where
24 somebody set up a webcam for "Isthisabaitcar.com" or
25 something like this, and people would try to guess which

1 car on the side of the road was a bait car.

2 But as soon as they get burned, they would just
3 come back to the warehouse and then Houston could check it
4 out and we would keep the inventory that was reflective.
5 You know, Major Jones and her unit puts out an auto theft
6 report every month and we need vehicles to look like that
7 auto theft report every month, and so if we could trade or
8 move them out or push them back into out of service and in
9 service as it comes up. So that's what we're talking
10 about is identifying what all that requires, what does
11 that look like, is it 35 cars in a warehouse hidden out in
12 a factory district of East Dallas or is it maybe two
13 locations in Houston and then we just move trucks and
14 motorcycles and trailers back and forth.

15 But the other part of it, as I said, was the
16 technology. You know, I can't remember, it was Baytown a
17 few months ago, one of the police departments were helping
18 them build their own system. What we need is a single
19 system that every group can rely on and be able to switch
20 on. For instance, one company has the technology the
21 cameras, the trackers, the kill switches, the batteries in
22 a modular unit that we can just install and do a good job,
23 and then when that vehicle goes to another jurisdiction,
24 they already have that software to do the kill switch, to
25 do the tracking, the geo fences and all that.

1 So that's what we're talking about is we need
2 to look into this, what all do we need to have either one
3 or two warehouses around the state so we can move vehicles
4 in and out, and then check them out to Dallas for six
5 weeks and then they go to Houston, then they go to
6 Lubbock, El Paso, wherever, but it's all on kind of a
7 check out basis and the state is then not having --
8 because every time we do like an NICB donation, we have to
9 buy the car for a dollar so it transfers, well, the state
10 can have a different role in that. And instead of all
11 these jurisdictions, San Antonio, trying to figure out,
12 okay, what's the title transaction that we have to do. And
13 if we were to move it, now we have to change the title to
14 a new transaction, but if it was an alias title at the
15 state, we'd cut down a lot of that really frustrating
16 activity when insurance companies want to donate a car or
17 GM wants to donate five trucks, we don't have to keep
18 going through those transactions every time we need to
19 move them.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We also need to take into
21 consideration the -- like for example, I believe it's
22 Tarrant County that has that shop there and has those
23 technicians that know how to install and test all the
24 equipment before they're pushed out. So going into
25 another jurisdiction, we're going to have to have

1 something like that before we push it out for them to have
2 that operation. But it does take some manpower to have
3 that operation going and an operational plan that works,
4 and I know the Dallas-Fort Worth area do a great job of
5 doing that.

6 But the bait car, I know it does work and it's
7 a great tool to have but it does take manpower and a lot
8 of assets too to make sure that that gets done the correct
9 way and that it works, whenever they're trying to evade
10 that thing gets shut off right away before it goes and
11 does some more damage.

12 Again, so I think we can direct staff -- so
13 Member Gonzalez, do you want to make a motion directing
14 staff to look more into this? Or we can just direct staff
15 with this agenda item?

16 MR. WILSON: We just wanted to give the board
17 an opportunity to provide any input and interest in this.

18 I mean, in other words, if the interest was we really
19 don't want to touch this, we don't want any discussion
20 whatsoever about this in the future, then that's enough
21 direction, we don't need a motion on any of these items
22 necessarily.

23 So we'll present this in the near future. We
24 might work with Keith's office to think about how to move
25 forward, as well as Glenna, and see what is needed to do

1 something like this.

2 The next idea was the prosecutors that we've
3 submitted several times to the legislature, it's been
4 killed almost every time in the House Appropriations
5 Committee, but at the end of the day, you know, 10-12
6 years ago we used to have prosecutors embedded in most of
7 our offices, we now have a part-time prosecutor in
8 Houston, working with Harris County and Houston, and then
9 also the Tarrant County this last year we funded a
10 full-time prosecutor in that, so just with a little bit of
11 money we've been able to claw back the position.

12 But again -- and I know Lieutenant Gonzalez is
13 particularly interested in this issue, and maybe others --
14 but you know, to have a really effective task force, this
15 model relies on -- especially when you have like regional
16 areas, you need prosecution from the very get-go, you need
17 it up front in designing your operation plans and
18 effecting the rest, especially -- and I know Major Jones
19 knows a lot more about this than I do so I'm not trying to
20 be an expert here compared to her -- but a prosecutor on
21 the front end dealing with a very complex set of criminal
22 organizations like the ones who have perpetrated many of
23 the eTAGs, both the fraudulent production as well as the
24 DMV production, those issues are complicated cases and
25 they need prosecution involvement at the beginning when

1 you're doing the organized crime layout.

2 Tarrant County has seen massive -- I think over
3 2- or 300 cars on an odometer rollback and some of the VIN
4 switches, the paper trail is overwhelming and you need
5 that attorney representation early, not at the end of the
6 case when their eyes glaze over and say I'm not touching
7 that. And that's happened to us numerous times on our
8 task forces not having a prosecutor understanding odometer
9 rollbacks and VIN switches and things like that.

10 So I'd recommend that we continue to look at
11 this and work with Keith and Glenna about how to present
12 this in a better way, but I need your input as well.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez, I'll speak on
14 this.

15 I think there is an incredible value with being
16 able to add the prosecution aspect to our task forces. As
17 Director Wilson was saying, it can be kind of difficult to
18 explain the process of stealing cars and then getting
19 salvage VINs on to the stolen VINs and then registering
20 vehicles through the Texas DMV -- essentially vehicle
21 laundering is what I call it -- and so it can be kind of
22 difficult when we're trying to file these Chapter 71 cases
23 if you don't have your prosecutor onboard from the
24 beginning giving that feedback. And so we want to make
25 sure that not only are we arresting these folks and we're

1 filing our cases but that they are adjudicated in the
2 criminal justice system.

3 And you know, DA offices, just like law
4 enforcement agencies, they're strapped for personnel and
5 for resources and so there is a huge benefit in having
6 prosecutors that are assigned to our auto theft task
7 forces to be addressing these organized crime, and not
8 only the organized crime folks but also the habitual auto
9 thieves. And so our habitual auto thieves represent a
10 very large portion of our total stolen vehicles, and so
11 when you have that prosecutor who can say, look, 20 to
12 life or you better give us some really good information
13 regarding how is switching out these ECMs or where this
14 chop shop is, that has a lot of value and can directly
15 impact the goals of this body to reduce auto theft.

16 So again, Director Wilson, I strongly encourage
17 you to explore this item.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I agree with you 100 percent,
19 Member Gonzalez, and I know that there's got to be buy-in
20 from the district attorney. I know that in Laredo when we
21 were number one in the nation for auto theft, it was a
22 back and forth with the district attorney in trying to
23 figure out ways to have a better understanding as to what
24 was happening, and so the one thing that we continued
25 giving to them and we were just pressuring is the fact

1 that we had numbers, that number don't lie. Hey, we have
2 2,500 vehicles stolen a year in a community that's 265,000
3 population, you know, what are we going to do about this.

4 And then here comes NICB with its reports and then here
5 we go.

6 And then again, burglary of vehicles is going
7 up. Why? Because thieves know that if there's something
8 that's going to be inside a vehicle, it's going to be, of
9 course, goods like iPhones and iPads, but at the same time
10 they know that people sometimes leave their keys in their
11 cars, so that's a crime of opportunity that we kept on
12 telling our district attorney that even though we're
13 trying to tell people lock your cars, take your keys,
14 they're not doing it, so it's something that we need to
15 do.

16 But again, you know, it's all being reactive,
17 and some of the things moving forward that I would like to
18 see is how can we be proactive in reducing this crime.
19 Going back to Pasadena, 37 percent, we need to find out
20 what the factor is that's creating that increase, we need
21 to move immediately before it goes up to a 37 percent. I
22 think we need to do more in that aspect because, again,
23 it's the absence of crime, not the number of arrests, it's
24 the absence of crime that makes a community safe and we
25 want every community in the State of Texas, you know, to

1 feel safe, not that we're here and we're addressing your
2 problem after it already occurred, we don't want that, we
3 want them to feel safe. So how are we going to do that?
4 By being proactive. Absence of crime, that is the number
5 one thing that we need to push to where every grantee
6 instead of trying to say, okay, we have a problem, let's
7 work on it, no, we need to prevent, prevent, prevent.

8 So again, 100 percent agree on the district
9 attorney but we also need every task force to make sure
10 that they have that collaboration with the district
11 attorney and make sure that if they have a problem that
12 they detect that problem right away before it gets out of
13 hand.

14 MS. JONES: Chairman, Sharon Jones, for the
15 record.

16 With any investigation, whether auto theft,
17 drugs, gangs, fraud, having a DA onboard before you even
18 start an investigation is extremely important because
19 they're the ones who are going to provide guidance and
20 direction. Every prosecutor is different, they're all
21 looking for something different, so on our team having
22 someone from the very beginning who can direct us and give
23 us the guidance as opposed to working the investigation
24 and then you present it to the DA and then you're told no,
25 you've done a lot of work for nothing. So it's extremely

1 important to make sure that we have all our ducks in a row
2 before beginning. It also helps in not getting cases
3 dismissed.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Agree 100 percent, Member
5 Jones.

6 Any other member would want to comment?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. WILSON: Okay. Thank you. We'll continue
9 to work on this one as a priority and work with, again,
10 the legislative process that Keith and Glenna talked about
11 earlier.

12 So I know this next one is real near and dear
13 to your heart, because I've heard it 50 times, Chief. You
14 know, when you look at a map -- and I sent the board a few
15 months ago, it was one of the distributions, but I found
16 an old map of the ABTPA coverage where we had Midland and
17 we had Odessa in a task force, we had a lot of other areas
18 that were covering big swaths, and you know, when you look
19 at our map today we've covered the large urban areas and
20 then we have, of course, Lubbock and Amarillo covering big
21 swaths of the Panhandle and South Plains.

22 But you know, the reality is we're missing a
23 lot of places. I mean, Kenneth back there with DPS, the
24 commander for Smith County, is working Longview cases. I
25 don't see Paris and Lamar County here today -- sorry if I

1 missed you -- but you know, they're covering counties way
2 outside of their jurisdiction, including Texarkana that's
3 a much larger city than Paris, Texas -- that doesn't have
4 an Eiffel Tower -- but you know, they're working their
5 tails off covering all the way to Grayson County and
6 Montague. So it's really important that we understand
7 that we need to fill in and we need at least 70 officers
8 to fill that in for the Midland-Odessa. We've got Alice
9 down there in South Texas, you know, so I've put the list
10 here.

11 Again, this is a potential legislative request
12 that we need. Again, I don't need a motion but I need
13 your input in moving forward on these, trying to figure
14 out a way to get more officers or at least re-dedicate
15 some officers through overtime. Again, I said earlier
16 we're short on officers statewide, but maybe we can create
17 ways to allow task forces or overtime or something through
18 the rest of the state to get the rest of the state covered
19 on motor vehicle theft.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, of course.

21 MR. WILSON: Chief, can I say one thing just
22 for the record?

23 Chapter 71 that has been referred to a lot, for
24 all the board member and audience, is reference to the
25 Chapter 71 of the Texas Penal Code which is organized

1 crime and generally considered a serious felony at several
2 degrees, depending on the level of offense associated with
3 it.

4 Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Chairman.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I agree. That would be
6 the number one conversation we should be having as to how
7 are we going to be adding more task forces around the
8 state and wherever we need the increase in personnel in
9 certain jurisdictions that we get them that. So I think,
10 yes, we move to forward on this and task our committee,
11 our Legislative Committee to make sure that they work
12 together with staff in getting this through.

13 MR. WILSON: So Mr. Chairman, Bryan Wilson, for
14 the record.

15 That's the issues that I wanted to present to
16 you about things that I think we should be working on, the
17 fund, the bait cars, the officers, the prosecution, so now
18 it's just kind of open, what else should we be either
19 assigning to the committee or to the staff to start
20 research and working on from the board's perspective,
21 things that I'm missing, things that you would like to at
22 least consider or put on the table.

23 Again, we don't have to make a motion today to
24 decide, I just don't want to miss something that is a
25 concern of this board.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So what we'll do, we'll
4 direct staff to work with the Legislative Committee on
5 these items that we just spoke again, but more
6 importantly, again prioritizing the number of officers and
7 detectives that are needed out there and increasing the
8 task forces around our state.

9 MR. WILSON: Thank you. We will get busy.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

11 Okay. We'll move on to talking about Texas DMV
12 and the collaborative efforts that we're doing after
13 talking to Chairman Bacarisse and what we emailed about.
14 I would like to bring up agenda item number 9, Consider
15 establishing an advisory committee to make
16 recommendations to reduce theft, increase recoveries and
17 to prevent and detect fraud-related motor vehicle crime
18 under Transportation Code Chapter 1006.

19 Mr. Wilson.

20 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

21 So this is an issue that you had brought up
22 after your conversation with Chairman Bacarisse, and so
23 what we have is under Transportation Code 1006.103, the
24 MVCPA has the authority to appoint advisory committees. I
25 want to be clear that this advisory committee is to this

1 board, it is not to Texas DMV, but this board can then
2 turn and make recommendations or opportunities for
3 improvement to the Texas DMV. But a couple of people in
4 the audience asked me earlier is this a board for DMV; no,
5 it's not. Only this board has the authority to ask for an
6 advisory board to this board.

7 But what I've laid out here is some specific --
8 you know, I think there's ways to strengthen the
9 relationship with DMV and be more involved up front in
10 some of the rulemaking discussions, some of the processes,
11 and even some of the IT developments that take place with
12 an eye on what people have been doing and what they could
13 be doing in the future.

14 Now, we try within our staff, limited staff, we
15 try to participate in all the IT and governance projects
16 we can. Joe has been sitting in on the Texas by Texas
17 launch that just recently happened, for several months
18 we've been watching, trying to identify what potential for
19 fraud. So again, we're not deaf or blind to what we need
20 to do but we're looking for opportunities to strengthen
21 that relationship.

22 Recently DMV issued a set of rules that will
23 greatly affect -- you were talking about the 68-A process
24 and how those records that law enforcement, the number of
25 confidential VIN inspections that they'll have to do and

1 how that information gets to the TAC or the DMV, but
2 unfortunately, those rules were not discussed or
3 notified -- at no point can we identify any law
4 enforcement discussion prior to that.

5 So this is about this board getting an advisory
6 committee for this board but hopefully the fruit of it is
7 a better relation and a clearer working relation with DMV
8 and where our role is with speaking to the law enforcement
9 community on behalf of DMV, and vice versa, being able to
10 speak to DMV back to the thing. So that's what we're
11 trying to do is identify those issues.

12 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, David Richards,
13 for the record, MVCPA general counsel and also associate
14 general counsel for the Texas DMV.

15 I just wanted to say, for the members' benefit
16 and everyone here in law enforcement, that the DMV is
17 working post haste very diligently to streamline our
18 processes as it relates to our interrelationship with law
19 enforcement. It's a high priority within the agency.
20 We're already having discussions, we are taking into
21 consideration multiple options that we might consider to
22 help better serve the needs of law enforcement agencies
23 across the state, whether it be with eTAGs or motor
24 vehicle related fraud.

25 We welcome the partnership, to dovetail with

1 Mr. Wilson's commentary, and we will work hard and post
2 haste to go forward and streamline those processes to make
3 your jobs easier and more beneficial. So I just wanted to
4 put that on the record that DMV is actively looking into
5 that right now. Every department head within DMV, as well
6 as our executive leadership, are engaging in those
7 conversations and there have been several thus far. So we
8 are committed to moving forward and working with law
9 enforcement to streamline the processes, the
10 interrelationships that we have with you going forward to
11 make it a better working process and hopefully address,
12 primarily address the concerns that y'all have had and
13 brought forward thus far.

14 So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, David.

16 MS. JONES: Mr. Chairman. Sharon Jones, for
17 the record.

18 I want to speak to what David just said. Our
19 last meeting with DMV, I was very impressed with the level
20 of participation that was involved in our meeting from
21 DMV, inclusive of, as I mentioned before, the executive
22 team, but felt that it was -- they actually want to get it
23 right and they're listening to what law enforcement has to
24 say, so I was impressed by that and I'm looking forward to
25 what becomes of the meeting.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Member Jones.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead, Member Gonzalez.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: I'll piggyback on what Major
5 Jones was saying.

6 So to me the DMV has been receptive to law
7 enforcement and we've had those, you know, conversations,
8 but there's conversations and there's action. So I can
9 tell you right now, again, it shouldn't take my detectives
10 months to get responses back on, you know, items that are
11 of evidentiary value, it shouldn't take me having to ask
12 and get involved for that.

13 So agreed, yes, they have come to the table. I
14 have personally met with the former director of the DMV
15 and they've provided this but there's still room for
16 significant improvement if we are going to effectively
17 address the fraudulent tags and the other issues that we
18 are working on.

19 MS. JONES: Absolutely 100 percent agree.

20 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, David Richards
21 again. May I speak?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead, David.

23 MR. RICHARDS: Member Gonzalez and the other
24 members of the board, we are committed to making
25 improvements. We realize and recognize that there are

1 improvements to be made, we realize the importance of the
2 function that each of you play in law enforcement as it
3 interfaces with what we do at the DMV. So we are
4 committed to making room for improvement and appreciate
5 your input. We'll continue our conversations within the
6 department, like I said, whether it's Vehicle Titles and
7 Registration or Enforcement, Motor Vehicle Division or IT
8 Department, our Executive Department, and of course, OGC
9 as well. So we see much improvement coming forward and we
10 look forward to letting y'all know about those
11 improvements when they become available.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, David.

14 And I think that most of the items that I was
15 looking at for this committee to look at was mainly policy
16 change, rule changes, any changes in their processes
17 before they are implemented so that we can have the
18 investigators, the detectives that are doing the work out
19 in the field understand what's coming down and if they
20 have any input as to how it's going to affect our way of
21 policing that they can push that to the committee and the
22 committee can come back and say, hey, can we talk to DMV
23 about these issues.

24 Because I understand Member Gonzalez, what he's
25 trying to say. It took a lieutenant from the Dallas

1 Police Department to make a phone call, it took a major
2 from the Department of Public Safety to make that phone
3 call, and it shouldn't be like that. You know, things
4 shouldn't be happening that is affecting the way police
5 departments and sheriff departments operate, it shouldn't.

6 I think that we can go back and have someone
7 directly involved in these changes and before they make
8 them that we have some input so that they don't happen and
9 then we're trying to figure out ways how to enforce it or
10 how to attack the problem that wasn't even there before
11 they made these rules. So with this in mind, this is the
12 reason why I spoke to Director Wilson and I told him, I
13 said, We've got to get better at this, we can't have this
14 and just every single grantee and every police department
15 and sheriff department out there just this is the way it
16 is because Texas DMV said it was going to be like this.
17 If we could have some input because sometimes they do need
18 that input.

19 I strongly believe that some of the rules that
20 were done by them, it wasn't on purpose, it was because
21 there was no input from the community, from the policing
22 community to them as to how it was going to affect us
23 operationally. So this is the reason why I would like to
24 have a more in-depth connection with DMV whenever they're
25 changing policy rules and things like that because it's

1 affecting us and it shouldn't take a lieutenant, a major
2 to be calling, making those phone calls to get things
3 done, it shouldn't happen from the very get-go.

4 MS. JONES: Chairman, once again Sharon Jones.

5 I think if DMV looks at us as we are your
6 customers and we're the ones that we have to work these
7 cases, these guys don't. You pass the rules but at the
8 end of the day, we're struggling trying to make the cases.
9 We have to be able to get records in a timely manner. If
10 we do not get records in a timely manner, we cannot
11 execute search warrants. The staleness of search warrants
12 is what ends up with the result of we're hitting the wrong
13 house, we're executing a warrant at the wrong house, and
14 we all see from the news when you execute a warrant at the
15 wrong house, people die, people are losing their lives.
16 So we have to have well timed information, and also, it
17 pertains to when you get the search warrant signed you
18 only have a certain amount of days to get information to
19 execute a search warrant.

20 We understand and we respect DMV's position
21 that you guys are DMV, we re not a part of DMV, you can
22 certainly make the rules and the laws as you see fit, but
23 at the end of the day, you have to think about the people
24 who have to carry out these rules, you have to think about
25 the people of the State of Texas, and not just Texas,

1 other states that are affected by rules and policies.

2 So I would certainly hope -- and again, we
3 recognize that DMV can make whatever decisions but I'm
4 hoping that in these discussions that you guys have that
5 you include us and just at least to what we have to say
6 and try to understand and maybe have some additional law
7 enforcement input and influence on DMV, within DMV to
8 totally understand the effect of decisions that you're
9 making.

10 MR. SALINAS: Very well said, Major.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Very well said.

12 MR. SALINAS: Mr. Chairman, Member Gilberto
13 Salinas.

14 So just now I've been hearing about room for
15 improvement, you know, the fact that a major and a
16 lieutenant have to call in order to get something done, it
17 just sounds like there's some kind of breakdown in the
18 process from an operations standpoint. I mean, it just
19 does not seem very efficient, and you know, frankly, that
20 concerns me from an operations standpoint.

21 So in forming this committee will it help us
22 move in that direction as far as, you know, that room for
23 improvement? And that could be for some of those law
24 enforcement members on the board.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Member Salinas.

1 I think what we're going to direct staff --
2 Director Wilson.

3 MR. WILSON: Yes. Thank you. Bryan Wilson,
4 for the record.

5 Member Salinas, was that a question? Are you
6 wanting to clarify what the role is -- will this advisory
7 committee help strengthen that? Was that a question?

8 MR. SALINAS: Yes. Basically, will it get us
9 moving in that direction.

10 MR. WILSON: Okay. I just wanted to make sure
11 I heard you correctly.

12 So you know, Chairman Rodriguez said a few
13 minutes ago -- and I just want to remind everybody today
14 is March 2, Happy Texas Independence Day -- but he said a
15 few minutes ago -- and Chief, please correct me if I'm
16 wrong -- that today is March 2 and the City of Laredo is
17 booked out for the 68-A inspections until the end of the
18 year. Did I hear that correctly, sir?

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's correct.

20 MR. WILSON: Okay. So for this board's
21 information, there was 23,500 68-A inspections. You're
22 going: What the heck is that? A 68-A inspection is what
23 you as a citizen would be required today if you brought a
24 car from another country, if you had a car from another
25 state that you didn't have clear title, if you had an old

1 trailer your grandpa gave you, you would have to have a
2 68-A inspection -- a confidential VIN is the legal term in
3 the statute in Chapter 500 of the Transportation Code -- a
4 confidential VIN inspection conducted by a certified law
5 enforcement agent or a National Insurance Crime Bureau
6 agent, and of course, DPS can do that as well and a few
7 others.

8 But the reality is we have 237 officers who
9 recovered over 11,000 vehicles, they arrested 3,800 auto
10 thefts and they still had time to do 23,000 68-As just so
11 their citizens in their communities could go to the title
12 office and get title to their car. And so I don't feel
13 like I can overstate how important that our officers are
14 on a daily basis trying to help DMV conduct their business
15 because these citizens -- and I've been on the end of a
16 call -- are furious when they're in Abilene and Sweetwater
17 and places that they have to drive 200 miles to go get one
18 of our officers to do this inspection.

19 So it is a serious problem, it's bogging us up,
20 but I want to remind you in this motion that's before you
21 today or the motion you can make is only about what MVCPA
22 can do to establish a committee, if you so desire, an
23 advisory committee to you on how to move forward and
24 strengthen the relationship with DMV.

25 Now, the chairman can appoint anyone and

1 everyone that obviously volunteers to be on the committee,
2 but at the end of the day, we hope that he might extend it
3 out to a DMV Board member, it could be to the NICB,
4 certainly our law enforcement community, so that they can
5 come back with clear recommendations to this board about
6 specific actions that this board can take to strengthen
7 the relationship with DMV and to move forward on all of
8 these issues, what Major Jones and Lieutenant Gonzalez are
9 talking about.

10 And I appreciate you bringing that word up,
11 Member Salinas, "efficiency". We should be effective, we
12 should be efficient between ourselves. We're
13 administratively attached to this agency, it shouldn't be
14 a constant battle to do whatever processes, whether we're
15 doing the processes for them on the 68-A inspections or
16 trying to obtain records for a quick search warrant. So
17 thank you for that, I'm glad you brought that perspective
18 to it.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, are there any motions?
20 Any motions from the members?

21 MR. GONZALEZ: I'll go ahead and make a motion
22 that we create a committee to advise this body and make
23 recommendations to reduce theft, increase recoveries and
24 to prevent and detect fraud related to the TxDMV.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

1 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones. Second.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have motion from Member
3 Gonzalez, I have a second from Member Jones. Any further
4 discussion, members, on this item?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
7 for a vote. Members, when I call your name, please state
8 your name for the record and whether you support the
9 motion or do not support the motion.

10 Member Brotherton?

11 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. Support.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

13 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. I support the
14 motion.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I support.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

18 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones. I support.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

20 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I support.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
22 Mike Rodriguez, support the motion. The motion passes.

23 We will now go back to agenda item number 4,
24 Consider fiscal year 2022 Motor Vehicle Crime Auxiliary
25 Grants Program and budget, including authorization for the

1 MVCPA director to publish the request for applications.

2 Director Wilson.

3 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bryan
4 Wilson, for the record.

5 I know this has been a long time coming. The
6 board first directed me to start developing the MAG grant,
7 and it stands for MVCPA Auxiliary Grant or Accessory
8 Grant. This grant is intended for non-task force
9 entities. We jokingly call it the Grant in a Box, it's a
10 one-and-done grant for jurisdictions that decide to
11 provide help. We put some limitations on it, so one
12 limitation is the grant cannot be over \$20,000.

13 Dan, what was the amount budgeted for that MAG
14 grant? It's already budgeted, \$300,000?

15 MR. PRICE: I think it's 250 --

16 MR. WILSON: Two fifty. So in June the board
17 budgeted \$250,000 for this grant, but the most that any
18 one of these grants can do is \$20,000, and the value of
19 loss in that community that applies has to be at least
20 three times more than what you ask for, so no jurisdiction
21 can ask for any money unless they have at least three
22 times that value of the \$20,000, so \$60,000 in
23 demonstrated losses.

24 In conversation with Major Jones yesterday, I
25 do need to make an on-the-fly change -- but remember,

1 you're not voting on this document that's in your board
2 book, you're authorizing me to publish the request for
3 applications -- but one of the things that Major Jones --
4 and she's here to correct me if I mess it up -- but we
5 want to clarify that this is only for county sheriff
6 departments and municipal or city police departments, it's
7 not open necessarily at this point to all law enforcement

8 So it's mostly directed at people that are
9 hopefully around our area, our coverage area. Like Laredo
10 has Zapata and it has Webb County as part of their
11 coverage area so that task force would benefit from this
12 program. So we want to complement our task forces
13 anywhere they can, but the grant recipient cannot be a
14 task force. It can be one of their coverage areas but not
15 their participating area. So I don't want anybody to be
16 confused and if you find any language that doesn't lend
17 itself to that.

18 But at the end of the day, what this will do,
19 for instance, the City of Dallas recently I got a call --
20 I'm sorry -- Dallas County, I got a call a few weeks ago
21 from Kaufman. Well, Kaufman is in the coverage area of
22 the Dallas County grant but the citizen was complaining
23 that they needed help and I referred it to Dallas. So
24 Dallas County could ask Kaufman to get an LPR or Flock
25 system or whatever is approved under this grant, and under

1 that policy then under this grant we could give Kaufman an
2 LPR to help fight motor vehicle crime. Does that make
3 sense?

4 Now, it could be Odessa, it could be
5 Sweetwater, it could be anybody that is not part of a task
6 force but it's kind of intended, hopefully, to focus to
7 augment our outside areas or coverage areas, but we'll
8 certain look at all comers, and then we'll rank it based
9 on the need and the motor vehicle thefts. So if you have
10 somebody who comes in with a motor vehicle theft economic
11 loss value of \$60,000 and somebody comes in -- if we get
12 more applications than we have money, if somebody comes in
13 with a \$60,000 and somebody with a \$210,000, we'll go with
14 the one that highest need. Does that make sense to the
15 members?

16 All right. Any questions about the MAG grant?

17 Again, it was ordered in February of '21, it was budgeted
18 in June of '21, and then now it's being presented to you
19 as authorization to publish, and then, of course, the
20 board would have to issue grants at a future meeting. I
21 don't have the authority to issue these grants; I would
22 give you a slate in the future to vote on.

23 Are there any questions?

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, are there any
25 questions for Mr. Wilson?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, I will now entertain
3 any motions, but before doing so, remember to clearly
4 state your name for the record and your motion.

5 MR. SALINAS: Member Gilberto Salinas.

6 Mr. Chairman, I move that the MVCPA Board
7 authorize the MVCPA director to finalize and publish the
8 request for applications for fiscal year 2022 Motor
9 Vehicle Crime Auxiliary or Accessory Grant Program,
10 otherwise known as MAG.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion by Member
12 Salinas. Do I have a second?

13 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I second.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I've got a second from Member
15 Whitehill.

16 Members, when I call your name, please state
17 your name for the record and whether you support the
18 motion or you're against the motion.

19 Member Brotherton?

20 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I support.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

22 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. I support the
23 motion.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I support the

1 motion.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

3 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones. I support.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

5 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I support.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
7 Mike Rodriguez, support the motion. Motion passes.

8 We will now move on to agenda item number 5,
9 Consider fiscal year 2022 Motor Vehicle Public Education
10 and Awareness Grants Program and budget, including
11 authorization for the MVCPA director to publish the
12 request for applications.

13 Mr. Wilson.

14 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is
15 Bryan Wilson, for the record.

16 I don't know why I like to say PEPA, this is
17 our PEPA grant. We did this last time in 2019. We sent
18 it out so the board authorized the RFA, we sent it out to
19 the Insurance Council of Texas, we sent it out to the
20 Chiefs of Police Association, TMPA, any law enforcement
21 group, Texas Crime Prevention Association, anybody that's
22 actively engaged.

23 Now, I do want to be clear that any recipient
24 has to be a nonprofit and they have to already be
25 organized and operational prior to the issuance of this

1 RFA, so somebody can't see the grant opportunity and then
2 go quickly to the Secretary of State, create a nonprofit
3 and apply. We are only interested in people who are
4 already doing this and engaged in crime prevention
5 activity, such as the agencies that I named. And there
6 might be others that we don't know about that are welcome
7 to apply, but we will send this out, once it's published,
8 to those organizations, so every nonprofit organization
9 that we can identify will receive an email with this
10 request for application, that's actively engaged in crime
11 prevention in Texas.

12 And so as a result, what I will do is if the
13 board authorizes me to publish it, we're asking you to
14 budget not to exceed \$300,000, and this grant will have
15 two components, and possibly three -- I'm sorry -- there's
16 three components on page 39. It shows that, number one,
17 it's public education or prevention, so what we're trying
18 to do is for them to propose ideas that would actually
19 prevent crime from the public perspective. Remember, in
20 Transportation Code 1006, one of our statutory duties is
21 to educate the public on how to avoid motor vehicle crime
22 or prevent motor vehicle crime, so this is consistent with
23 our statutory duties.

24 The second thing that they would provide is
25 public information or awareness, developing and

1 communicating factual information about what they can do,
2 and that is often seen as marketing items, a keychain that
3 says "Lock Your Car" so you remember to lock your car
4 because you're holding a keychain that tells you to lock
5 your car, so a lot of that is marketing material and
6 things that you would have in your car to remind you. And
7 we give those out, police departments and sheriff's
8 offices throughout the state at different events that are
9 planned. We have print material as well, but that's not
10 included here.

11 And then the last thing is law enforcement
12 collaboration and it may include technology and service to
13 law enforcement agencies, so depending on who the grant
14 recipient is, if they have the capacity to help our law
15 enforcement agencies provide technology. One example that
16 Lieutenant Gonzalez and I were talking about is through
17 this grant we'll have some money that the proposal could
18 set aside to implement a bait car, what do you call it,
19 installation, that is collaboration that is needed
20 throughout the state, to standardize that. But that may
21 not necessarily be because, remember, this is a request
22 for applications and within these three items, the person
23 who applies will tell us what they propose to do and then
24 this will come back to the board to vote and decide if
25 that's a good deal or not.

1 So again, this is the request for applications,
2 the applicant writes the application of what they're
3 willing to do, and then I present it to the board.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So when they lay out what
5 they're going to be doing for us. Correct?

6 MR. WILSON: Right. We've put the three
7 priority funding, and this is where, as a board, before I
8 issue this you can comment on that and provide me input
9 before we go to press, but basically, we're saying we want
10 public education, public awareness, and then law
11 enforcement collaboration in this grant. Then the
12 applicants -- I guess is what they're called at that
13 point -- they would propose to us what programs that they
14 would be willing to do in those three areas, they would
15 write a grant. I have a form and it would say what are
16 you going to do in this area, what are you going to do in
17 this area, what are you going to do in this area. I will
18 review that. If there's multiple ones, I will do a
19 comparative analysis and then report back to the board
20 saying I recommend this one but here are the applications
21 that we received.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Can we add to those requests,
23 for example, on public awareness and public education,
24 that we want a -- because we have to be very strong on
25 digital advertising, and what I mean by that is I know

1 that last time we were doing radio, but we have to do
2 radio not only FM/AM, we have to do radio on Pandora,
3 Spotify, those digital platforms that are now being used
4 versus radio. We have to do advertisement on YouTube,
5 Instagram, Snapchat, wherever we can plug in those
6 advertisements for public awareness and public education
7 we have to do that, Google ads, Facebook ads. We have to
8 look at that because that's where the advertising is
9 happening, and if we don't put that for them to put in
10 that application, they're just going to come back and give
11 us keychains and radio ads, and I think we're past that at
12 this point. We need to be very loud in those social media
13 platforms to get the message out to lock their doors and
14 take their keys.

15 MR. WILSON: And I have that included under
16 number one, again, coordinating media outreach, earned
17 media, public service announcements, online messaging and
18 social media. So those are the areas that I was
19 anticipating that we would get, I'm directing the proposal
20 to focus on those areas.

21 Like what you sent me a few weeks ago, Mr.
22 Chairman, about what Laredo is doing on social media and
23 things like that, I mean, one of the problems we have is
24 we don't have a good mechanism or staff to coordinate.
25 We've got 24 grantees and another 129 agencies -- 140

1 agencies that are tied to our network -- I'm not even
2 talking about the coverage, I'm just talking about the
3 people that have an officer or part-time officer within
4 our network, and yet we don't have a strategy, a clear
5 strategy for reaching out. That could be part of this
6 contract for the outside vendor to develop a message, a
7 social media message, send it out, get all the local
8 police departments that are associated with our program to
9 leverage that message, but we just haven't had the
10 capacity as staff to manage that level of intense social
11 media efforts.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I think this is great as
13 long as it's shareable. You know, for example, if they
14 come up with YouTube video that Houston can do it on their
15 platform and El Paso can do it on their platform, in their
16 main PD platform, not only auto theft, Facebook or auto
17 theft platform. So that's where I'm going that it's
18 something that can be shareable and that everybody can use
19 it, not only through their social media campaign but
20 through everybody else's Facebook and Instagram platform
21 and Twitter platform, that they can share that or they can
22 use that for prevention.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I've got a
24 question for you, Director Wilson.

25 MR. WILSON: Yes, go ahead.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: So this is already budgeted.
2 Right?

3 MR. WILSON: What happened recently, I think we
4 have money in the budget in the grants allocation to be
5 able to cover this, but Yessenia and I went out to do a
6 purchase and then it got shot down through the
7 Comptroller, so the reason I'm asking you to also include
8 the \$300,000 in the motion is we have the money available
9 but I didn't have that much money budgeted. I think we
10 had \$200,000 budgeted here. Does that sound right, Dan?
11 So we have the money in the grants budget line item, and
12 what I'm asking you as part of this money is to budget
13 \$300,000 for this program, and we'll get with budget to
14 move the money to the right line in grants, because since
15 it's too late now to start a new state purchase, we're
16 going to lose that \$100,000 that the Comptroller stopped a
17 few weeks ago, and that's why I added this other thing
18 about the marketing materials in here so we could make it
19 \$300,000 and then do the social media and the other items
20 that we're asking you to do.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: And the reason why I was asking
22 is it brings up a larger issue of it creates quite a, I
23 guess, conundrum when we are allocated X amount of money
24 and we don't spend it all, and I think we might get into
25 that in a bit here with the other task forces and whatnot.

1 And so to me, it lends credence to our argument of, you
2 know, we need additional funds to add more task forces and
3 to add more task force officers, but we've got to use the
4 money that we're given right now. And so I can see the
5 argument from the legislature of, well, why are we going
6 to give you more money if you're not using the money
7 you've got now, and so I just want to make sure that this
8 \$300,000, Director Wilson, is enough for what we're trying
9 to accomplish. I'm of the opinion, hey, if we have the
10 money, you know, let's put it to good use.

11 MR. WILSON: We do have the money this year.
12 You know, we've been holding some for more Rapid Response
13 Strikeforce programs that might come through, but yes, we
14 do want to budget it. But grants are different than a
15 direct operational agency in the state budget. There's
16 not a lot we can do because, I mean, what happens to a
17 grantee commander who overspends his grant budget by over
18 \$40,000, he's usually not the grant commander anymore
19 after that.

20 So you've got to understand that a lot of times
21 when the Legislative Budget Board is looking at our
22 numbers, they're looking at tens of thousands of dollars
23 that are not spent by the second or third quarter because
24 the cities spend the money, then they turn in a
25 reimbursement, then we pay. Right? So we're always

1 lagging behind.

2 Now, the one thing I will say is in this
3 year -- and I'm talking about FY22 -- in this year when we
4 have money left over we have what's called unexpended
5 balance authority and UB authority -- and you'll hear that
6 term over the year so I want to get all my board members
7 used to hearing UB, that means unexpended balance
8 authority -- and what that means is that that money,
9 whatever we don't spend this year, goes into next year's
10 budget for us to spend. And that's why we wrote this
11 contract where we could come back and extend the period
12 and we could extend the funds available at any time
13 consistent with the RFA.

14 So that's a good point, Lieutenant, but I think
15 we're covered on the RFA because if later on -- and I'm
16 just going to make up an example -- they do \$200,000 worth
17 of social media and they find out, man, we could do
18 another year, extend the contract and give them another
19 \$200,000 or whatever, so you could do that under this RFA
20 the way it's being published.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And again, we are asked by
22 statute to do the public awareness and public education
23 for the state. Is that correct?

24 MR. WILSON: That is a core requirement of the
25 use of funds established in Transportation Code 1006, to

1 educate the public to prevent motor vehicle crimes.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And again, I agree 100 percent
3 with you, Member Gonzalez, that it's something that we
4 need to look at but I think we can justify why we're doing
5 this because, one, we're bound by statute.

6 And also, I do want to say when we're talking
7 about adding more task forces, you know, when we're
8 talking about a full blown salary, you know, it takes a
9 lot because we're looking at the salary only of somebody
10 and then we're not taking into account the cash match,
11 we're not taking into account what comes after that with,
12 okay, this detective needs a car, needs a vehicle. So I
13 don't think a chief right now is going to take away a
14 detective, a body, from a violent crime task force to put
15 them into the auto theft task force with a car and a full
16 salary, they're not going to do that, they're going to
17 leave them where they're at.

18 So I think when we're talking about telling the
19 legislature that we need bodies to attack this problem
20 that leads to other crime, I think that's the route to go
21 to be able to prevent other crimes from happening. But
22 again, I think when we're talking about salaries, and you
23 know, everybody is different but I can tell you that it
24 does take a lot in benefits and everything that comes into
25 play.

1 So I think we can really justify the need for
2 us to have this grant and make sure that we have that
3 public awareness and that the governor and everybody sees
4 that we are doing our due diligence in trying to prevent
5 this type of crime. That's what this board is for.

6 Any other questions, members?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Would anyone like to make a
9 motion?

10 MS. BROTHERTON: I'd like to make a motion that
11 we accept the Motor Vehicle Public Education Awareness
12 Grant program and budget, including authorization for the
13 MVCPA director to publish the request for applications.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
15 Brotherton. Is there a second?

16 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I second.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a second from Member
18 Whitehill. Is there any further discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will call for
21 the question. Members, when I call your name, please
22 state your name for the record and whether you support the
23 motion or you're against the motion.

24 Member Brotherton?

25 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I support.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

2 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. I support.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I support.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

6 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones. I support.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

8 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I support.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
10 Mike Rodriguez, support the motion. The motion passes.

11 We will now take up item number 6, Consider
12 task force grant policy related to allowable and cash
13 match limits for vehicle purchases or vehicle rental or
14 lease rates.

15 Mr. Wilson.

16 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is
17 Bryan Wilson, for the record.

18 So this next item is one that you wanted on the
19 agenda and I've kind of gone over with many of the board
20 members about the history of this, so I'm not going to
21 take a long time in my presentation. But on page 44 I put
22 the current policy about the limitations and what's called
23 the expedited vehicle purchase policy that was adopted by
24 the MVCPA Board four years ago, maybe six, something like
25 that. When we had a \$2.5 million cut and we were added

1 the responsibility for border and port security, at that
2 time we were trying to scramble and not lose additional
3 officers, we'd already lost about a dozen from the year
4 before that, and the board put in some cost-saving
5 measures limiting the vehicle lease amounts as well as
6 the --

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hold on real quick.

8 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, it appears that
9 we've lost Member Gonzalez -- okay, he's back.

10 Member Salinas, are you still with us?

11 MR. WILSON: He's muted.

12 MR. RICHARDS: We still have a quorum so we
13 still can continue.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We can continue.

15 MR. RICHARDS: Can we get in touch with him?

16 MR. WILSON: So anyway, the current policy is
17 we haven't bought a vehicle in the last four years that is
18 \$25,000 or less. I guess the last one was \$26,000. So
19 that means every time we go to get a request for a grant
20 adjustment to buy a vehicle, we have to go to the Grants,
21 Budget, and Reporting Committee to have approval provided,
22 or the director has to provide approval under this policy
23 when it's allowed. So at some point it's kind of like,
24 okay, you've got a rule that you can't follow and nobody
25 can follow, so should we continue that rule.

1 And again, this isn't an action item but it can
2 be if you want it to be, but Dan went ahead and put in
3 here as well, the lease amounts were also included on page
4 48, the average lease amount. Now, the problem with some
5 of these is we don't necessarily know if that is really
6 the lease amount or if that's just what they're putting on
7 the grant. So like Beaumont is at \$521 and somebody else,
8 looks like Brownsville is at \$450, they might be carrying
9 the rest of the expenses in their own city, so we don't
10 really know if they're really getting a better deal than
11 Laredo or they're just not reflecting it on the grant. I
12 mean, they're just saying give me \$450, I'll take of the
13 rest of it out of city finance.

14 So again, it really is just input that the
15 board can provide to us and say, you know, we really want
16 you to look at this policy and if you want to provide some
17 direction, like starting immediately. But quite honestly,
18 all of our budgets are set already for this year so it
19 would be a little difficult if you wanted to retroactively
20 go back, but we could start it certainly in the new fiscal
21 year. We could revise the policy and then have it back to
22 you with some proposals, and of course, we're going to
23 talk to our grantees and get their ideas as well. So it's
24 kind of up to you, Mr. Chairman.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would like to direct staff to

1 make some recommendations at the next meeting. I don't
2 know if it's going to affect the applications that are
3 going to be coming in this year as far as the way they
4 structure it.

5 MR. WILSON: It would affect the budget, right,
6 but not necessarily the application, because the way we've
7 been doing it the last two biennia, at least -- I guess,
8 David, is it three, I don't know, whenever we started
9 that -- but we basically say unless you mess up your
10 grant, we're going to continue the grant you have, but
11 each year they're allowed to move money where they need
12 it, so it wouldn't affect the dollar amount but it would
13 affect the budget. If they did a \$450 budget and now they
14 want to do a \$700 for car rental, so they'd have to move
15 money from somewhere to do that.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I'm going to direct
17 staff to look into it and come back with some
18 recommendations, just because there's no way they're going
19 to be able to purchase a vehicle at \$25,000 that we
20 currently have in our policy, and then to be going back to
21 the Grants Committee for approval it just doesn't make any
22 sense.

23 MR. WILSON: I agree. It's not very efficient.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Exactly.

25 MR. WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 We will do that and come back with clear recommendations
2 prior to the next fiscal year.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to go ahead and take
4 another break, ten-minute break, and then we'll come back
5 and resume. It is 12:47 p.m.

6 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We will now reconvene the
8 meeting. It's 1:01 p.m.

9 Members, we will now move on to agenda item
10 number 10, Consider attorney general representation for
11 future meetings and ongoing legal counsel related to
12 statutory purposes of MVCPA.

13 Mr. Wilson.

14 MR. WILSON: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
15 members.

16 On page 58 -- I'm sorry, my eyes are having
17 trouble distinguishing between 8s and 9s today on the tiny
18 print; obviously I have a younger assistant that has
19 smaller letters in her page numbers, so we'll work on
20 that. So this is to consider attorney general
21 representation under certain circumstances related to
22 statutory purposes of MVCPA.

23 I know the chairman and I had some discussion
24 after the DMV Board meeting a few weeks ago where DMV was
25 indicating that they were short staffed and understaffed

1 and not able to respond to several of the DMV Board's
2 issues. Additionally, there's been times when certain
3 negotiations take place under Transportation Code 1006.060
4 where the chairman could have benefitted from additional
5 counsel. There's times when we have specific needs that
6 might benefit from the attorney general representation
7 that General Counsel's Office at DMV might be conflicted
8 out or maybe not have the expertise that it would be nice
9 to know when and under what circumstances the MVCPA Board
10 or chairman could reach out to the AG's office.

11 Prior to my being here, the AG's office
12 provided all the representation and since that time the
13 DMV general counsel has assigned Mr. Richards during this
14 whole time and even, like I said, before I got here to be
15 the general counsel, but I think at times there's been
16 what appears to be potential conflicts and I just think
17 that some hybrid system would be better off serving this
18 board and knowing up front from the Attorney General's
19 Office when is the best time to rely on those services.

20 So that's what I'm recommending for the board
21 to consider. At this point just directing Mr. Richards
22 and I to have a discussion with the Attorney General's
23 Office that's responsible for providing this kind of
24 representation. They have a civil litigation unit --
25 that's not what I'm talking about -- they have an

1 administrative unit as well, and so we would just reach
2 out to them and report back to you, Mr. Chairman on what
3 they say and see if it needs to be scheduled for another
4 board meeting or just rely on what the attorney general
5 says at the time.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Wilson.

7 Members, any questions for Mr. Wilson?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Members, would anyone
10 like to make a motion?

11 MS. WHITEHILL: Mr. Chairman, Member Whitehill.

12 I move to direct that the MVCPA director and the MVCPA
13 general counsel contact the Office of Attorney General, or
14 OAG, about attorney general representation to identify the
15 potential role OAG could best serve for future meetings
16 and ongoing legal counsel related to statutory purposes of
17 MVCPA. I further move that the MVCPA presiding officer is
18 to be included in the discussions to develop
19 recommendations for future MVCPA Board meetings and
20 actions.

21 And I hope y'all can't hear my dog barking
22 downstairs.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
24 Whitehill. Do I have a second?

25 MS. JONES: I second and I can hear the dog.

1 (General laughter.)

2 MS. WHITEHILL: The alarm just went off for
3 some reason, you know, whatever the state alarms are.
4 Sorry.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, a motion has been made
6 and seconded. Is there any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
9 for the question. Members, when I call your name, please
10 state your name for the record and whether you support the
11 motion or do not support the motion.

12 Member Brotherton?

13 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I support.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Salinas?

15 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. I support.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Gonzalez?

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez. I support.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones?

19 MS. JONES: Sharon Jones. I support.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

21 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I support.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that I,
23 Mike Rodriguez, support the motion. Motion passes.

24 Members, we will now take up agenda item number
25 11, Consider impact and changes to the Virtual Command

1 Center and multi-agency operations plan requirements.

2 Mr. Wilson.

3 MR. WILSON: Thank you. For the record, Bryan
4 Wilson.

5 I'm going to ask Joe Canady to present on this
6 item, Mr. Chairman.

7 MR. CANADY: For the record, Joe Canady.

8 In the August board meeting of 2021, August 3,
9 the board adopted two special conditions for FY 2022, one
10 being the requirement of a multi-jurisdiction operational
11 plan for grantees that have participating agencies where
12 funds are transferred between the two or provided for
13 both, and the other being intelligence sharing, that
14 grantees will participate in the MVCPA law enforcement
15 webinars as well as the Virtual Command Center that's
16 through the FBI's Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal.

17 First, the multi-agency operational plans have
18 provided MVCPA with details of how the grantees operate as
19 a group, and during one of those items we learned that six
20 task forces are co-located all the time, so they're housed
21 in one central location from multiple jurisdictions.

22 Furthermore, while only multi-agency grants are
23 required to report the information as it relates to their
24 plan in progress reports, we've noticed that several other
25 grantees that are not multi-agency jurisdictions, you

1 know, do actually report on how they're communicating with
2 and meeting with their coverage agencies that is not a
3 requirement, so this has been useful information to us as
4 well.

5 Intelligence sharing has increased tremendously
6 over the past few months in the grantee webinars and
7 within the Virtual Command Center. We were going before
8 with a post here and there to the VCC, and in general, now
9 there's posts every day or at least every other day, and
10 as a result, we're able to compile a weekly law
11 enforcement update that we send out to all the grantees,
12 as well as members of the VCC which includes other
13 jurisdictions that are not part of MVCPA. Currently
14 there's 65 active members within the VCC, 19 task forces
15 are represented. One grantee has a commendable 18 members
16 of their task force as a Virtual Command Center user.

17 Part of the concern of some is the access to
18 LEEP, the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal through the
19 FBI seems to be slowing access as far as for everyone to
20 gain membership into LEEP. They changed the process. Now
21 they want the individual officers to go through their
22 agency, through their TEDEX administrator contact. Some
23 agencies don't have a TEDEX administrator contact.

24 We do believe that it is important -- and
25 Bryan, do you have some input on that too?

1 MR. WILSON: The main thing, this isn't an
2 action item but the board specifically directed us to
3 implement the grant program or add to our grant program
4 these special conditions for these grants, and we want to
5 tell you it's moving the ball forward, it's overall
6 successful, but there's still a difference between how
7 people operate and how often they post or the kind of
8 material. I mean, Chief Rodriguez, when you first brought
9 this, when we first started discussing this over two years
10 ago, you know, one of the things is you were seeing
11 certain kinds of vehicles recovered in Laredo, coming out
12 of very specific San Antonio and parts of Houston, and you
13 were wanting some way to better coordinate that. Well,
14 we're not there yet, partly it's because not all border
15 counties are reporting.

16 Look, it's not just about like posting a
17 trailer, you know, a trailer got stolen off a lot today.
18 Well, that's interesting but that's not what you use in a
19 Virtual Command Center or intelligence. Right? It's like
20 I just recovered two stolen vehicles from Houston, Houston
21 needs to know that, Harris County needs to know that if
22 you recovered them in Laredo or San Antonio. So we're
23 getting there but we're not quite there.

24 Because it's a board condition, we wanted to
25 let you know we're progressing, we're continuing on this

1 path unless you tell us to stop, but on page 61 and 62 you
2 see that there's actually some -- and remember, these are
3 just examples of text responses, we didn't put anything
4 confidential or inappropriate, but on 61, 62 and 63 we
5 wanted you to see, wow, we know a lot more about multi-
6 agency task forces than we ever did before we started this
7 process.

8 So this is an update to a board condition and
9 it's something that before we get to the next grant cycle
10 y'all need to decide do you want to continue this, if
11 there's a difference between implementation, if there's a
12 difference between the kinds of postings, what do want to
13 do about it. Are we going to apply sanctions, are we
14 going to apply rewards, you know, we give an extra \$100
15 for every posting on the VCC. Right? I don't know. But
16 you required it, we got different people applying and
17 using it, so now what do you want to do about it.

18 Again, this is a report item and we just want
19 to tell you about it, and then you can decide later what
20 to do or provide any input now, you don't have to do a
21 motion.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, I mean, I strongly
23 believe that this would be a tool that would help the next
24 Grants Committee to understand how active each task force
25 is. You know, if there's a task force that never posts

1 anything in there or interacts with intelligence that they
2 have in a big case that they have and collaborate with
3 other task forces, I think it's a tool for the Grants
4 Committee to use and see, okay, you know what, Joe, give
5 me every Virtual Command Center posting that Houston did,
6 give me every VCC that Laredo did, El Paso, and this could
7 be a mechanism used for them to understand how active
8 those task forces are.

9 Now, this is not a command center for us to
10 post be on the lookouts, be on the lookout for a John
11 Deere. That gets automatically pushed through different
12 venues, for example, the JOIC or other fusion centers.
13 This is more when there's a trend and there's other
14 jurisdictions involved that you know that there's a task
15 force there, put it in there, call the jurisdiction, let
16 them know this is where it's at, this is what we've been
17 finding, there's a trend, and we can work it together. If
18 you all need to go down to that jurisdiction or that
19 jurisdiction needs to go up there to kind of figure out
20 things, then let it happen. But that is what the VCC is
21 for.

22 And I think this will be a tool for the Grants
23 Committee to use and for them to understand what those
24 task forces are doing and how active they are. Of course,
25 you know, they're going to be having other problems within

1 their jurisdiction but when you're talking about the big
2 collaborations, the big investigations, this is where it's
3 going to be at.

4 So I wouldn't want to change, I would want to
5 keep it, and this board advised the staff to direct every
6 grantee to let them know that, hey, you need to use this
7 in order for this work and you need to use this to be able
8 to abide by the grant rules. So I say we keep it but I
9 leave it up to the members here to give me some
10 suggestions.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Member Gonzalez, if I may?

12 So I oversee Dallas Police Department's
13 partnership with the Secret Service with a memorandum of
14 understanding for our task force officers, and so one of
15 the things that they do -- and I think Director Wilson
16 kind of touched on it -- so for the success stories of our
17 task force officers with the Secret Service they reward
18 kind of those stories and the information sharing with
19 equipment and money. And so I think you briefly touched
20 on it, I think it's a brilliant idea, you know, to explore
21 the possibility of some kind of reward for intelligence
22 sharing utilizing the VCC. So if that intelligence
23 sharing leads to a great case, you know, that we partner
24 with or something like that, we consider some kind of
25 incentive for that. So I think it's a great idea,

1 Director.

2 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

4 Are there any further questions, members?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Are there any motions? Any
7 motions from any of the members?

8 MR. WILSON: We don't have any prepared motions
9 on this item.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No?

11 MR. WILSON: No. We can just go to 12.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We can just go to 12 and just
13 direct staff to continue. Okay.

14 MR. WILSON: But I did like your idea of
15 bringing this back to the Grants Reporting Committee, and
16 Joe has made note of that, I'm sure. And we'll bring
17 these results and talk about what Lieutenant Gonzalez just
18 talked about at the next Grants, Budget, and Reports
19 meeting. Okay? So thank you for that.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We will now move to agenda item
21 number 12, Report on fiscal year 2021 activity and funds
22 report and submission timeline.

23 MR. WILSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 Bryan Wilson, for the record.

25 This is what you see starting on page 71, so

1 the legislature requires ever April 1 a report of the
2 activities we performed with the funds from the last year,
3 and so what we did a few years ago, with the board's
4 approval, is we also have another legislative report but
5 it doesn't have a deadline or due date on it that is a
6 financial report, so what we've done a few years ago is we
7 created what was called the Activity and Funds Report.
8 One is the statutory activities and then we have statutory
9 performance measures, and then we want to report about
10 other things that we accomplished during the year, and
11 then the second, to meet the other obligation for the
12 financial report.

13 So what's in front of you today is the funds
14 report -- let's see, here it is -- so page 71 through 77
15 is the funds report and that's all the money that we
16 collected, the history of the money we collected, how much
17 we paid in salaries, consumable supplies, those kind of
18 things, the awards that we made to grants, so it's just
19 about money, so how much money did we collect from the
20 insurance companies and all that.

21 It also gives a good to make sure that you
22 understand, you see that over 62 percent of the money in
23 our program, on page 76, 62 percent of the money in our
24 program is local sources, so our cities and counties are
25 our partners and they're actually the lion's share or the

1 Big Kahuna in the room when it comes to being the ones
2 responsible for carrying out this program. So we don't
3 ever want to forget that when we look at the real numbers
4 on this, and this goes to the legislature, the cities
5 really care about our program and counties care about our
6 program.

7 So anyway, the first part of it is just the
8 numbers, the activities themselves, and so there's a
9 middle part that I haven't finished writing yet but I'll
10 be sending out to the members that's about the text
11 responses, the stories about our grantees and the things
12 that they do.

13 So what I need you to do is look over this, if
14 you see any errors, if you don't like the way it's
15 presented, then be sure and let us know, hopefully well
16 before April 1, and then beyond that we'll be finishing
17 the text part and sending it out to you.

18 So are there any questions about the Funds and
19 Activity Report that's due April 1? This is not an action
20 item but you can provide input.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any questions or input from the
22 members?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. Thank
25 you, members.

1 We're moving on to agenda item number 13, MVCPA
2 director's reports.

3 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bryan
4 Wilson, for the record.

5 I'm going to try to shorten these the best I
6 can. The funds start on page 79.

7 Dan, do you want to just do a quick review of
8 the budget, please?

9 MR. PRICE: We have two budgets here, we have
10 FY22 and FY21. We're really just beginning on FY22. We
11 have a budget for grants of \$14,119,000. There is a
12 credit that was received back actually from an overpayment
13 in a prior year that was posted. We have so far
14 encumbered or given grants for \$13.3 million of that, so
15 there's \$823,000 available.

16 For '21, wrapping up the year, once again,
17 we've got about \$368,000 that was not spent. The majority
18 of that, \$326- was from grantees, and it's up a little bit
19 from the prior year, and most of that has to do with the
20 fact that folks tend to wait till late in the year to
21 order equipment and vehicles and a couple of them got
22 caught because of the vehicle shortage and constraints
23 this year, so they were not able to get delivery in time
24 to be able to make the cutoff, so it has gone up in those
25 instances.

1 Other than that, everything is running pretty
2 smoothly.

3 Any questions?

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

5 Members, any questions?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Dan.

8 MR. WILSON: For the record, my name is Bryan
9 Wilson.

10 The grant activities and analysis, I like to
11 keep you up on. So FY21, of course, these numbers on page
12 80 will go into the activity and funds report, on page 81
13 it's just to give you an idea of where we are year-to-date
14 for the increase, the stolen vehicles just in the first
15 quarter. People can report the first and part of the
16 second quarter by the time we cut it off, so just to let
17 you know, but this is where we are. Again, our officers
18 are just doing a tremendous job of recovering these
19 vehicles, arresting suspects, and doing the required work
20 of the MVCPA.

21 On page 82, so when the board issues an award
22 it's a contract, basically, between the jurisdiction and
23 the MVCPA. Remember, under statute the awards are made in
24 the MVCPA's own name, and so that's one of the things, but
25 during that time and under the current policy there is

1 authority for the director to make adjustments, grant
2 budget adjustments, and then what I do is make sure that
3 the board knows what adjustments I made since the time
4 that they issued the award, and I do that at every board
5 meeting.

6 So in this case you're going to see a grant
7 adjustments that cut across two fiscal years because
8 obviously we were still doing grant adjustments in August.

9 So you see a couple that we did in FY21 at the bottom and
10 then FY22 most recent. So just to let you know these are
11 things that we authorized the grantees to do since the
12 last board meeting.

13 Moving on to the law enforcement training. Joe
14 and Major Jones and NICB have been working on coordinating
15 all of our law enforcement training and so we'll be
16 publishing the schedule out fairly soon, but just wanted
17 to let you know the MVCPA Board adopted the ability and
18 DMV has accepted the training that we do through what's
19 called the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Advisory
20 Board to qualify that for officer qualified training
21 hours, and so because of that we work closely with our
22 partners. And this is the training that's required for
23 officers to receive access to conduct confidential VIN
24 inspections that I talked about earlier today. So that
25 training schedule will go out and we train anywhere from

1 35 to 50 officers under this agreement.

2 We haven't had any refunds coming back to the
3 board lately. When we pushed back and asked for
4 demonstrated records in FY21, they've either been
5 withdrawn or they wouldn't follow up providing us the
6 records. So we only present a refund that people can
7 prove and if they don't want to prove it, then we don't
8 ask the board to issue a refund.

9 I will say that Mr. Richards and I and the
10 Comptroller's Office worked together. There were a lot of
11 little transactions that were occurring and some them,
12 recently a \$6 million transaction, where people were
13 making typos in the Comptroller's website and they were
14 making big errors, and so we've created a process under
15 the contract that if it's not really a refund but it's
16 just moving from one account to the correct account, some
17 people will chose our code. We have an online code in the
18 Comptroller's system for making payments, and so they
19 choose our code when they're trying to pay the
20 firefighters fund or they choose our fund when they're
21 trying to pay their insurance tax.

22 And so we've worked out a process with the
23 Comptroller. We used to bring those to the board every
24 single time as a refund, and we worked out a process with
25 the Comptroller, it's not really a refund, they're just

1 trying to correct an error, a typo or an error in the
2 system. And so the Comptroller has worked with us on
3 that, it's been beautiful, so that's cut a lot of our
4 refunds down, so now it's just refunds that people want to
5 ask for because they actually paid more than they were
6 supposed to, and that's the statutory authority of the
7 board.

8 Any questions about refunds?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. WILSON: So this next item, I was looking
11 up some stuff at TDI's website a few months ago and I ran
12 across that they have been executing orders on our behalf
13 for people who haven't filed or haven't paid, and so since
14 a few years when we started reaching out to TDI and
15 talking to them about improving processes and taking
16 action against non-payers and non-filers, they've
17 apparently taken it on themselves because all three of the
18 cases that are in your board book we weren't involved in
19 at all but they discovered that somebody had not filed or
20 had not paid the MVCPA fee. So we're happy to find this
21 online and we'll start monitoring and watching for the
22 actions that TDI takes on their own now that we know
23 they're out there.

24 And Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report, and
25 I'll take any questions or any additional direction that

1 you might want to provide.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Members, are there any further
3 questions for Mr. Wilson or staff after their
4 presentation?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. The next agenda item is
7 number 14, Executive Session.

8 David, is there any items for executive
9 session?

10 MR. RICHARDS: David Richards, for the record.
11 No, Mr. Chairman, there are none.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We're going to move on past
13 agenda item number 15 as we are not conducting any
14 executive session.

15 Members, we will now move on to agenda item
16 number 16, Public comment. We have Mr. Tommy Hansen.

17 MR. HANSEN: I know everybody wants to go home,
18 it will be short and sweet.

19 Tommy Hansen, for the record, with Galveston
20 County Sheriff's Office, Texas Association of Vehicle
21 Theft Investigators.

22 Just real quickly as an FYI, we're not the only
23 ones deeply concerned about the matters concerning paper
24 tags. As you well know, there was even a story of the New
25 York City Police Department recently complaining about

1 their crime rate going up and how many cars are running
2 Texas paper tags. Rather embarrassing, I think.

3 I was contacted recently by Vicki Truitt --
4 many of y'all from the Beaumont area probably know her,
5 she was a former legislator, very supportive of this
6 organization and law enforcement -- but she does
7 consulting work and she's working with the Texas Tax
8 Assessor-Collector Association concerning their issues
9 with this and even considering is there some legislation
10 that needs to be written or something on their part to
11 address it, so it's reached that level.

12 She also informed me that their group has also
13 had contact with the Texas Association of Counties, and as
14 we all know, all the tax offices are in county facilities,
15 so I'm going to be in touch with her.

16 As a result to that, though, we have learned
17 that Tennessee was going through a very similar situation
18 and recently passed legislation to tighten up on their
19 rules and guidelines on paper tags. I just received that
20 legislation yesterday, I forwarded it to Mr. Canady over
21 here, and I'm going to forward it to her, and I'll get
22 with Mr. Richards to see if there's something in their
23 bill that might be something that DMV could look at and
24 consider.

25 And last but not least, just an observation.

1 History is repeating itself but I think we're in a little
2 bit better situation than in the past, but listening to
3 all the discussions that y'all had on items number 3,
4 number 7, number 8 and number 9, everything involving
5 68-As, everything you talked about today, as an
6 observation looking in, that if you received 20 percent of
7 the \$108 million that you should be getting as per a bill
8 that's already passed, most, if not all of that could be
9 easily addressed.

10 I just want you to know that TAVTI and us will
11 be standing beside you come the session and start reaching
12 to legislators before the session to try to get this
13 fixed, because if we could get the 20 percent, I think
14 everyone would be in a much better condition.

15 Thank you very much for your time. Good luck.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Tommy.

17 Yessenia, are there any other comments?

18 MS. BENAVIDES: No, Mr. Chairman.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Agenda item number 17,
20 Adjournment. Since there's any further business, I would
21 like to entertain a motion to adjourn. Anybody wants to
22 make that motion?

23 MR. SALINAS: Member Salinas. I make a motion
24 to adjourn.

25 MS. JONES: Second. Sharon Jones.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion by Member
2 Salinas and second by Member Jones. All in favor?

3 (A chorus of ayes.)

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that the
5 vote is unanimous. It is now 1:34 p.m. We are adjourned.

6 (Whereupon, at 1:34 p.m., the meeting was
7 adjourned.)

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